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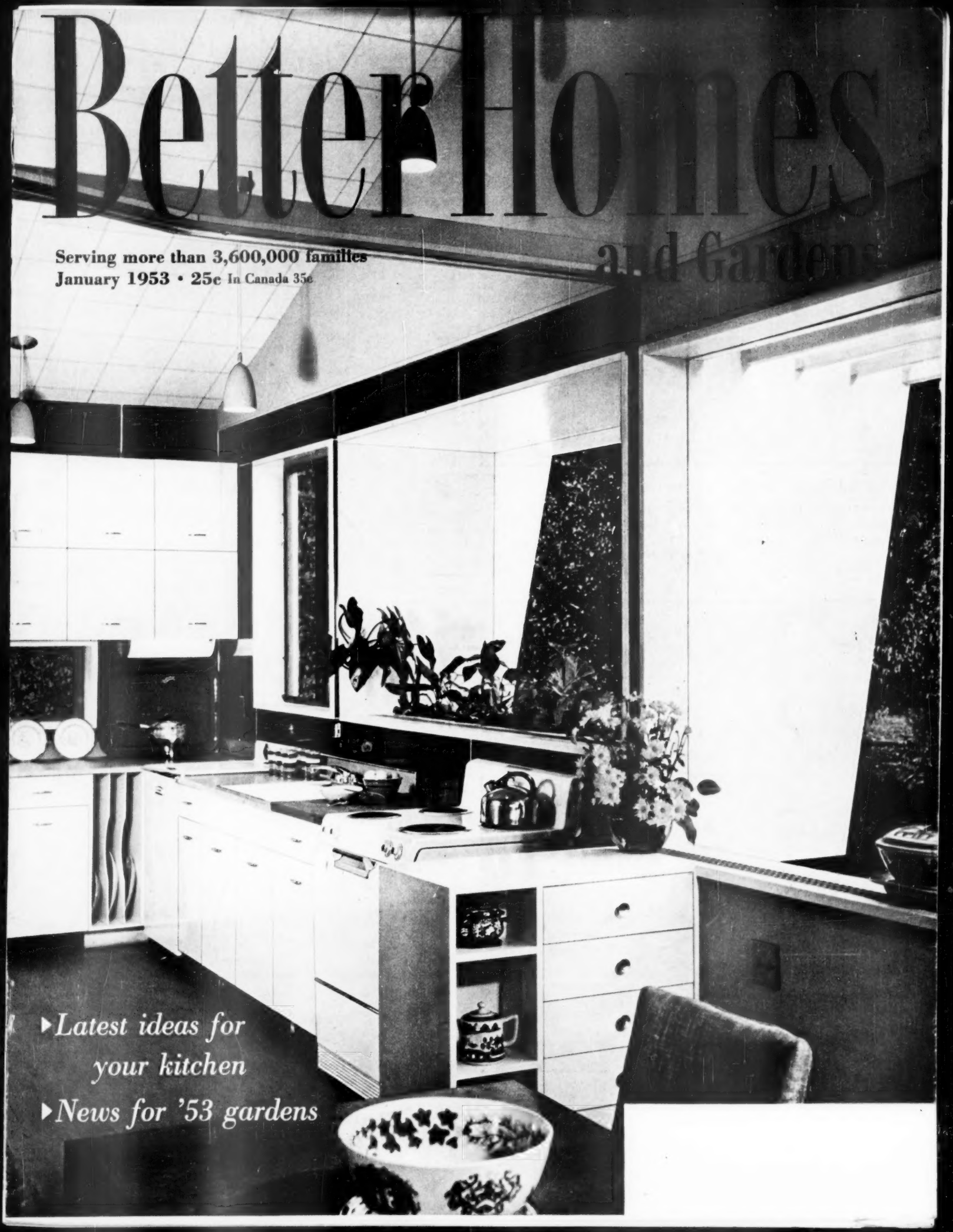

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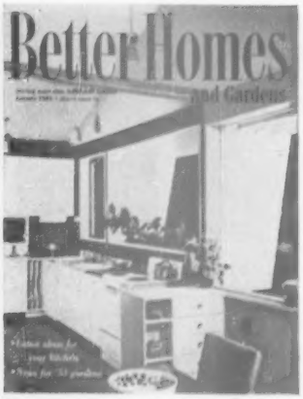

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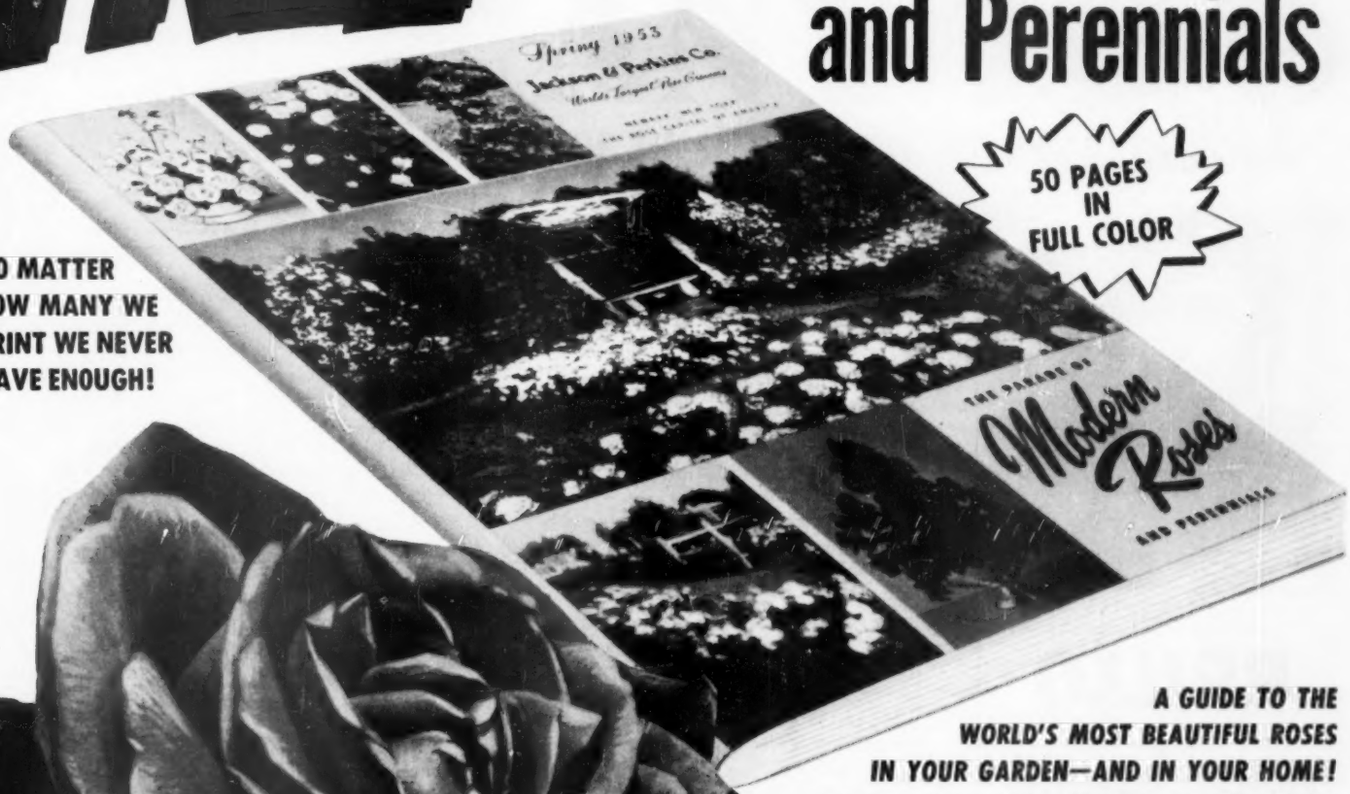

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"Jack's the rough one"... "Betty's pretty, Hazel's plain"... "Robert just can't learn."... It's hard to overcome tags like these. Some children don't even try.

By Mary Helen Dohan

As I let Alice out of the car, one of her four boys came dashing up. "Hello," I said, "you must be Edward."

"No," he responded, with friendly candor, "I'm Jackie; I'm the rough one." He dashed off again and, with a glance over his shoulder at me, jumped wildly on his little brother, who had just run out of the house.

Alice laughed shortly and shook her head. "He really is; I don't know what to do about it. We tell him and tell him, but I suppose it's just his nature."

As I drove off, I could still hear the pride in Jackie's voice when he identified himself, and was sure that Jackie would be "the rough one" for longer than his mother dared imagine.

We pin labels like this on our children and on the children of others. Then the trait is blamed on heredity or "just nature" when, in reality, we've impressed it on a youngster's personality almost from the cradle.

We're all victims of such "tagging." We have some firm convictions about ourselves that we've never analyzed or wondered about, but simply accepted as truth. *I'm* just no good at mathematics, for instance. When I struggled over long division in early grammar-school days, I became convinced of this fact, and it colored all my school days from then on. Maybe I'm just naturally not good at mathematics, but any contrary possibility never had a chance, once the pattern was set. When algebra came along, well, I just *knew* I wouldn't be able to do it, and to this day I shudder when I see x's and y's sitting across a minus sign from each other.

But have I learned anything from my experience? My 11-year-old daughter remarked recently to a classmate, with resignation, "Of course, I'm weakest in arithmetic," and I remembered with sudden clarity that her father and I had made the same comment when her last report card came home.

I'm surprised that our 8-year-old son has learned to ride a horse at all. Kathleen loved horses from the time she was a small child, and couldn't wait for the day that she could learn to ride. Every book she wanted to read was about horses. As she grew up, the ornaments on her bookshelves were nothing but horses, horses, horses. "Kathleen just loves horses," became a byword in the family. When we finally decided to take her and her brother out in the country for some weekly riding lessons, we couldn't wait to see Kathleen on a horse. Robert more or less tagged along. He'd never shown much interest in horses, but we felt he should learn to ride, too.

"Robert doesn't take to them the way Kathleen does," we said, as we'd said for as long as he could remember. I watched anxiously (being no horsewoman myself) as he mounted a gentle mare. Robert wasn't very confident either. Everyone had agreed that horses weren't in his line, but fortunately he's a determined soul. Kathleen was learning to ride, so he would learn, too. But it took months of grim effort on his part, and only now do I realize the handicap we had put in his way. Now, when we see him gallop confidently across a field beside his sister, we're uncomfortably aware that we deserve no credit for helping him toward his success as a horseman.

It's the same way with Kathleen's singing. I have no idea that she'll ever have an exciting voice, but up until this year she refused even to join in school singing groups. All her life, she heard us say, "She takes after her mother—can't even carry a tune!" This year she had a wise teacher, most interested in music, who formed choral groups in the class and placed Kathleen as an alto. Surprised and encouraged, Kathleen has become one of the most enthusiastic, although certainly not one of the most talented, of the children, and wouldn't miss singing practice for a bushel of ice-cream bars. And she *can* carry a tune! (Maybe I could have learned, myself.)

Such specific handicaps, however, are small potatoes compared to the effect that more fundamental "labels" have on character. Every family with more than one child has the ever-present hazard of comparison. Betty is pretty as a little girl, Hazel is not—even though she may show promise of being a better-looking woman than Betty. Everyone remarks on Betty's looks.

"How pretty Betty is!" comments a friend in Hazel's hearing. "And Hazel is your little girl too, isn't she? Well, well. She's very nice."

Mother feels a glow of pride; she gives a little more attention to Betty's curls, to Betty's clothes. It is enough for Hazel to look clean and neat. Mother looks at Betty and [*Turn to page 13*

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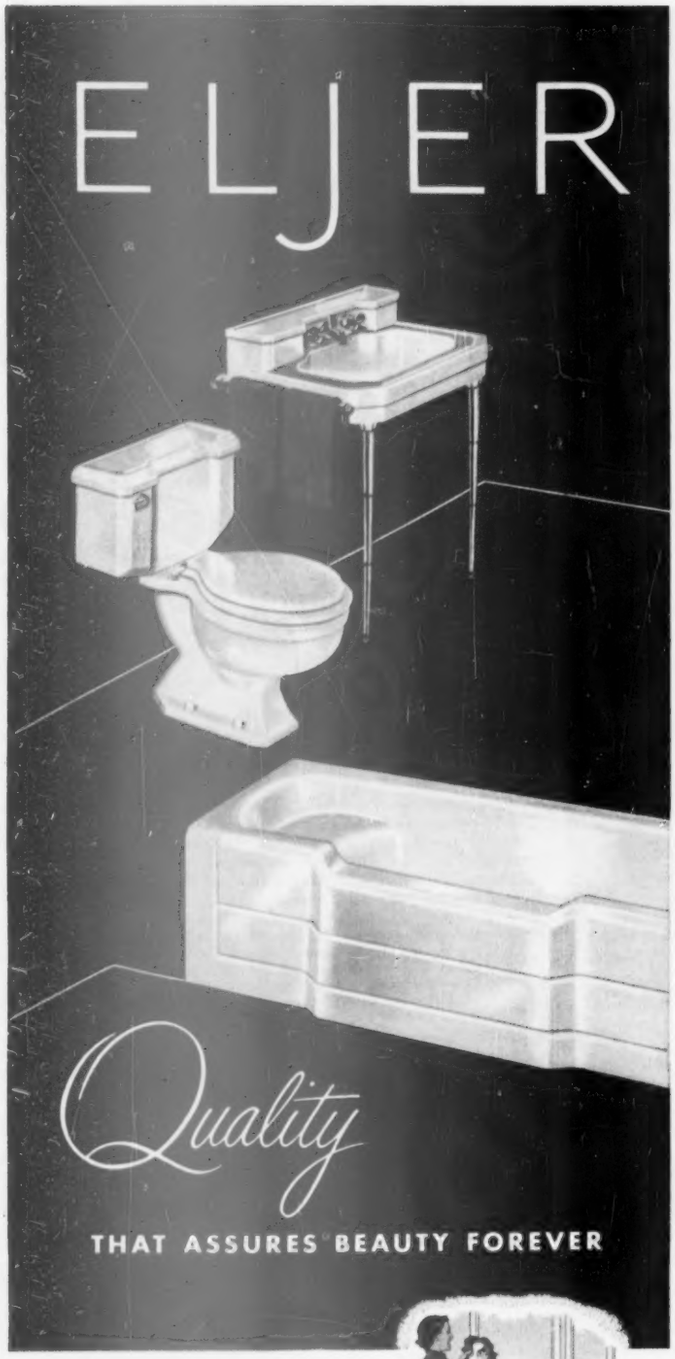

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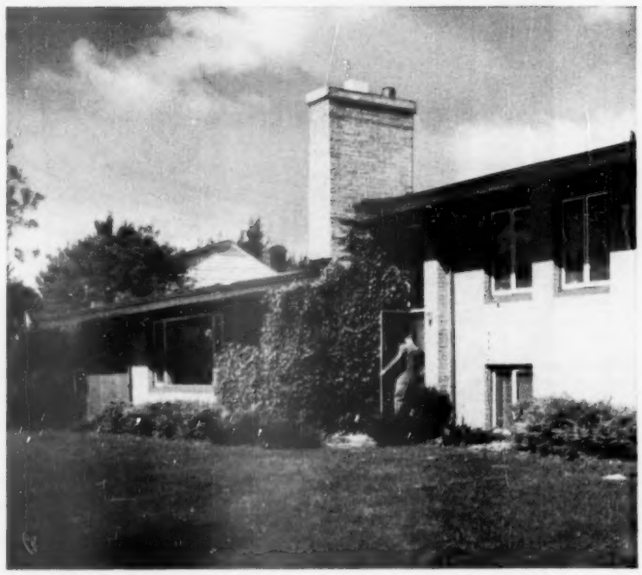
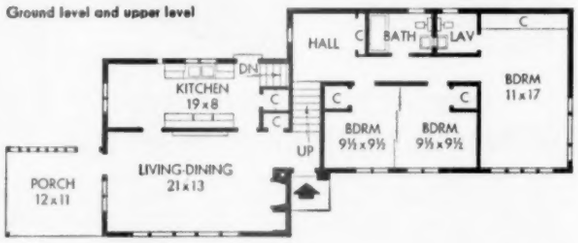


Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cubbage bought their lot in Skokie, Illinois, because it was almost level. A careful survey showed a substantial slope to the rear.

On this slope, Architect L. Morgan Yost designed a house with four levels: bedrooms high above ground for privacy, living area at grass-top height, garage at street level, basement. The basement was the bonus, 530 square feet for what it would have cost to fill under the living-room slab.

Another point of interest: Considerable floor space in a house only 29 feet wide, perfect for a deep, narrow lot.

Ground level and upper level



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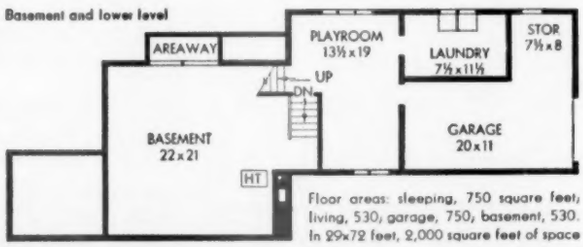

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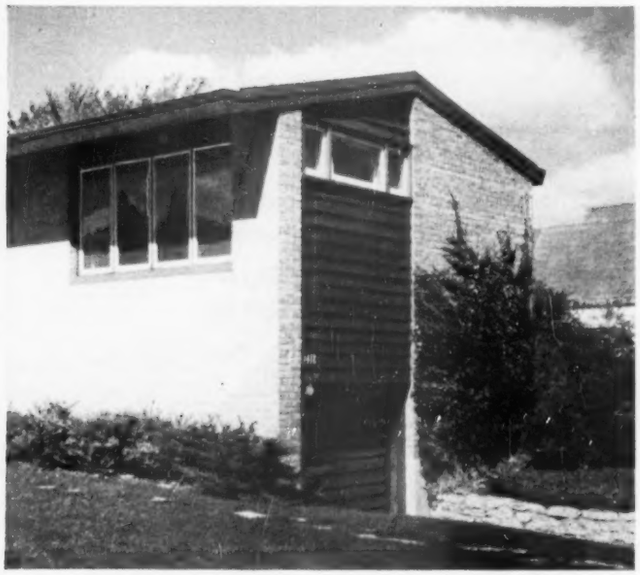

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This room was planned for living and dining, but family meals are served either in the kitchen or, in summer, on the screened porch.

Spotlights under eaves outside the large window illuminate the garden at night; note combination of fixed glass (unscreened, of course, for better viewing) with ventilating casements. The walls and draperies are gray; chairs are finished in coral.

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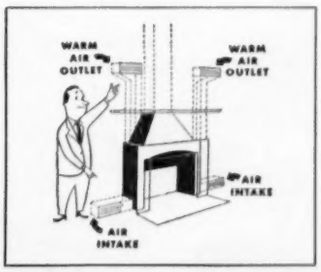

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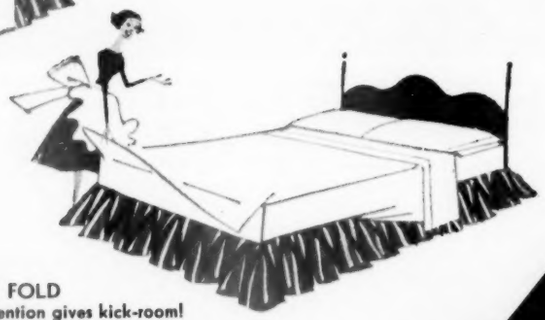

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How to avoid these common water problems

IN YOUR HOME

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This house has bonus space

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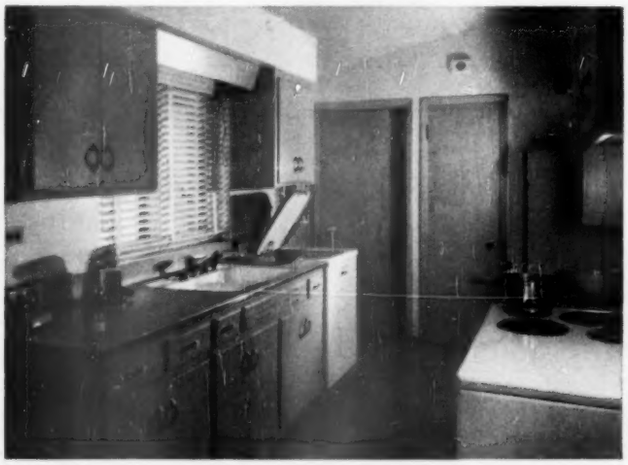
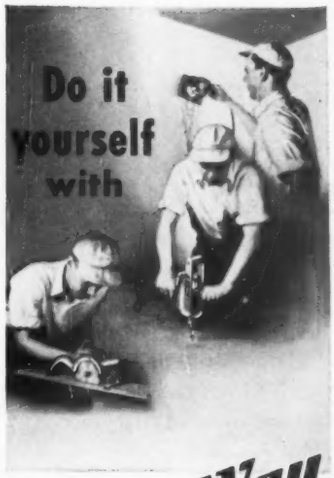
Living-room fireplace is built of the same pink brick used on exterior walls. Book niche at right has wood-storage space below. Large window over main entrance door (left) lights hall and stairway to upper level



Corridor-type kitchen is the only major room without southern exposure; it has windows to north and west. Left door in far wall leads down half a flight to garage-level playroom that can be supervised from kitchen

Rather large upper-level hall is combination study space and "guest room." Actually, one of the children sleeps here when guests arrive. Sofa bed is a box-spring mattress cut in half to make seat and back



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Let's quit labeling children

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smiles contentedly; she looks at Hazel and Hazel detects concern in her gaze.

"I'm ugly," becomes a part of Hazel's inner growth, "I'm not as pretty as my sister."

Betty experiences a corresponding reaction. "I'm pretty," she discovers. "I'm prettier than Hazel; Mother likes me because I'm pretty."

Both of them have acquired attitudes that will affect the entire pattern of their growth, of their relationships toward each other and toward the world.

"My brother is smart, I'm dull"; "I can't make friends the way my sister can"; "My parents don't like me"; "I have to make trouble to get any attention in this family or anywhere else"; "If I'm sick, I'm important"—such formulas become a part, unrecognized perhaps and unadmitted, of the growing up of individuals. All of them contribute to the actual *making* of character; all of them emphasize what originally may have been a minor and passing phase.

Are you labeling your children? Do you pass snap judgments on your nieces, nephews, children of friends—perhaps grandchildren? Have you accepted certain characteristics as unchangeable, rigid qualities that will never be different or modified? If Johnny was sickly in his early years, it's all too easy to keep up the habit of treating him as a sickly child, even when he's 14 and healthy and is dying to try out for tackle on the team.

We—all of us—have to look at children with unclouded eyes from day to day, seeing them as they *are*, not as they were yesterday or as we have always taken for granted they will be tomorrow.

We have to soft-pedal their failures and assure them that what didn't work once may work another time, or if it doesn't, there will be something else that will.

Labels are dangerous things. Many a talent and many a fine personality trait has been suppressed and lost because a child has been convinced that he can't "change his nature." And it is human to cherish almost any kind of label that makes people aware of us as individuals. If admirable qualities are not allowed to command attention, then roughness, meanness, or trickery may be used as a substitute.

As we look under the labels with which we have covered our children, we may find with surprise priceless qualities and challenging hopes and dreams begging for our guidance and encouragement, waiting for the clear vision and honest appraisal that should be ours as parents and as friends. In so doing we may learn to look with new clarity on ourselves as well, and find that under our own labels we have been letting many of our better potentialities lie undeveloped.

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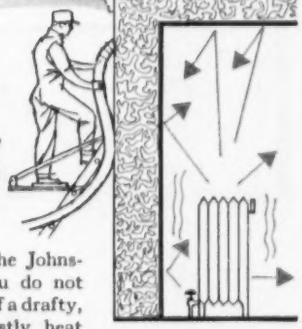

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WHAT'S NEW

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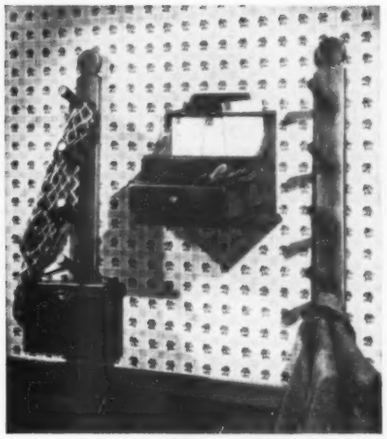

Clothes pegs that extend only a few inches from the wall make space in your small entrance hall.

Add a letter box like this and have a compact, handy spot for letters to mail or letters received. Drawer in the letter box is a neat way to store odds and ends. The arrangement adds interest to a hall wall.

Photographs: Rooks

A tall staggered combination magazine rack and bookshelf saves space in a small room.

It also makes it easy for you to see where each magazine is. Bookshelf is high and deep for the large books. Bottom rack is shallow so small magazines aren't lost.

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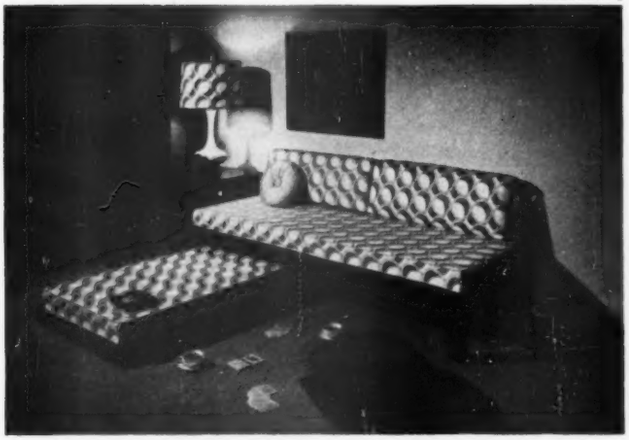
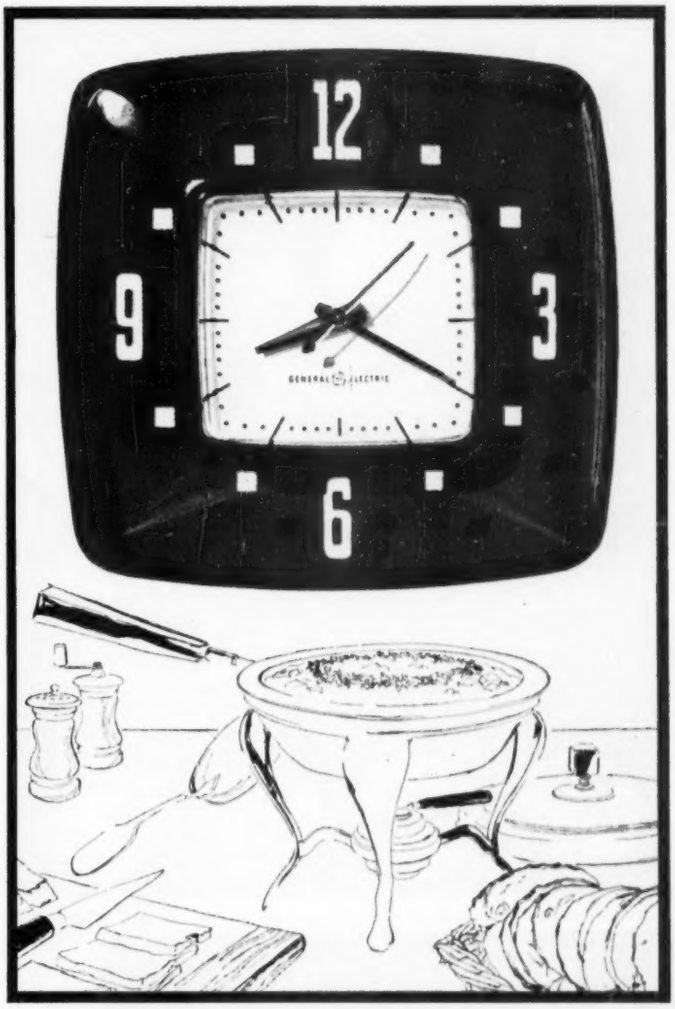


The old-fashioned trundle bed, with modern features, is back, and spacesaving in that small living room-bedroom.

Bed fits compactly under sofa and is ideal for those small rooms where a maximum of seating space is a must. Use the trundle bed as shown, or as a bed the same height as sofa by pulling out folding legs under frame. Cushions and mattress are foam rubber.



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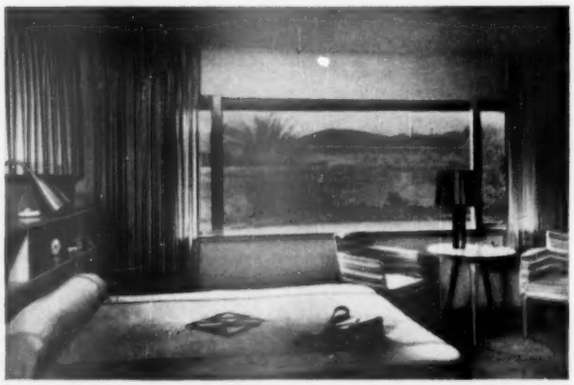
Window close-ups–

How to treat some common problems



Draperies hung from ceiling, and matched to wall color, help disguise fact that windows in this bedroom are different heights. Over window wall, draperies are floor-length; those at high transom windows are cut off just above bed headboard. The Park Dowd home

To gain height, this short window is dressed with nubby white draperies to the floor. Window is recessed; a ceiling track for draperies is mounted inside the recess. Home of the John Thompsons

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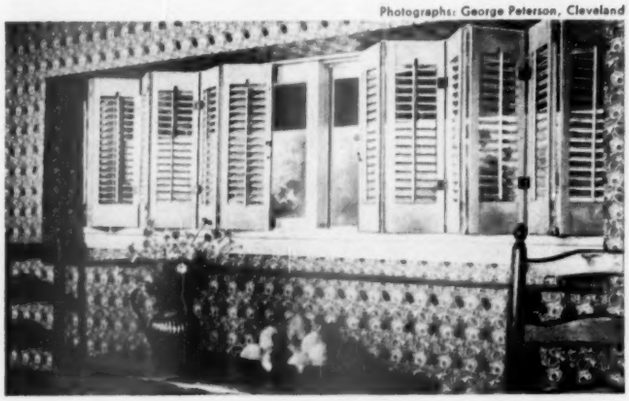
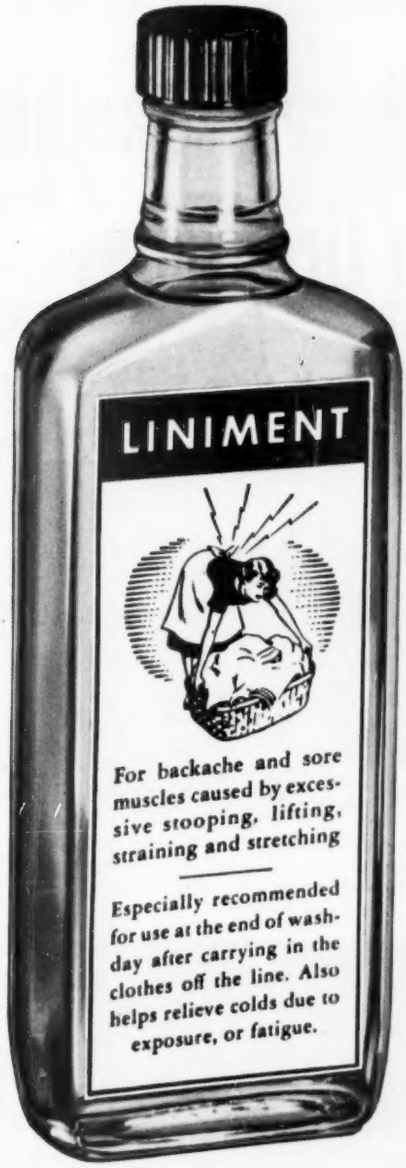


Natural wood shutters are accordion-folded over sliding windows in this high bay. They are hinged to the sides of the window frame and can be pulled together and hooked tight. Home of the Victor Millans



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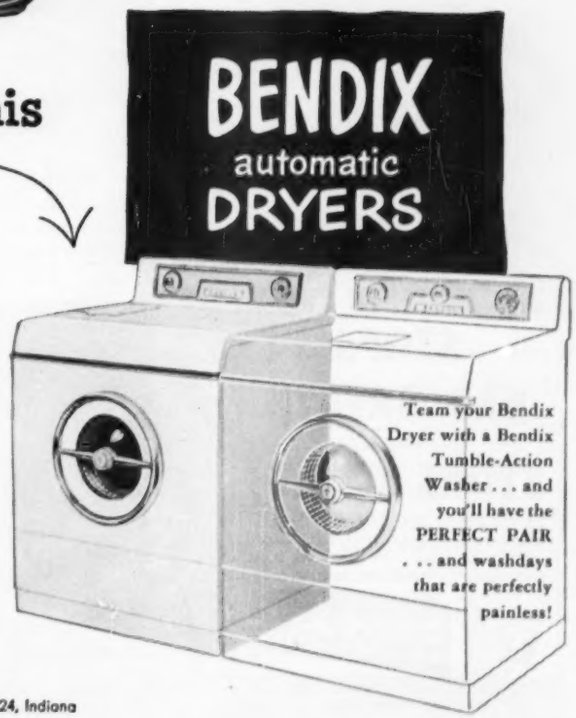

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There's something new in tire chains

By James M. Liston

How often do you use tire chains? "Only a few times a year," you tell yourself when you debate whether you should buy a new pair. "Only when I am desperate," you say when you think of doing the job yourself or of waiting in line to have it done at a service station.

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1 Hold the rubber-encased "ring" of the chain horizontal with the open end away from you and with the conventional side chain and cross links hanging down

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2 Spread chain in circle, in front of wheels, with rubber member up and with open end toward inside of wheel. Do the same with the chain for the other wheel

4 Raise the rubber member horizontally and roll the chain up and over the tire. The rubber "ring" will form the inner circle of the chain in back of tire

3 Drive car into the center of both circles. Wheels should not rest on any part of chain; set hand brake

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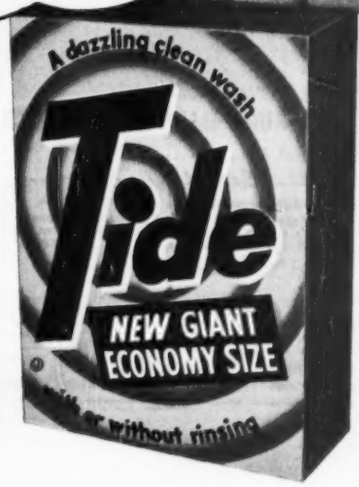

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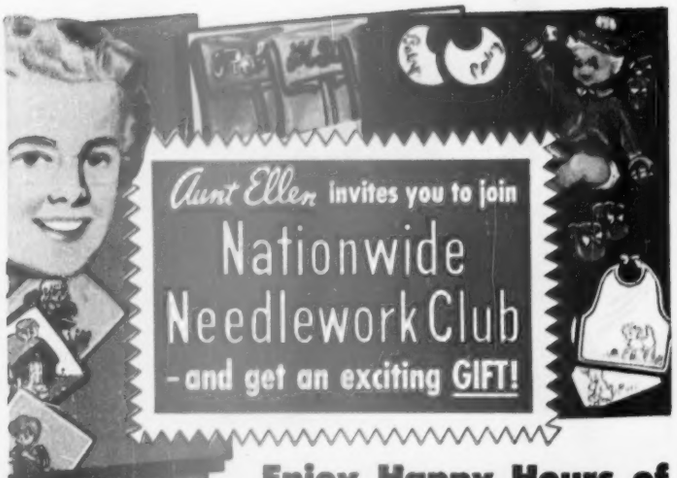

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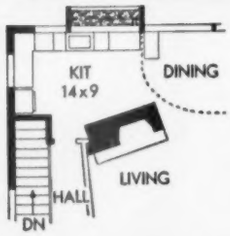
Kitchen on the cover

You'd never guess it, but this gleaming kitchen was once the southern wing of a barn. This evolution came about because John W. LeSourd of Hanover, New Hampshire, saw how the barn could be turned into a home for modern living. His wife, Barbara, a member of the American Institute of Decorators, created the handsome interior. Glance at the lovely colors on our cover; then see the pictures below.



Scenery is in the kitchen. While Mrs. LeSourd gets dinner ready, she enjoys the expansive view of the yard in the background, her favorite house plants in the foreground.

This big, shadow-box window faces south and seems to frame the nearby trees. It admits plenty of diffused sunshine but keeps out glaring rays. Architects: E. H. and M. K. Hunter.

Photographs: Garrison

Beauty with simplicity. No wasted steps from the compact kitchen to the dining room. The bookshelf divider also serves as a handy "stopspot" for food and dishes. The sliding wood-slat screen (right) curves around to close off kitchen from rest of house, when desired

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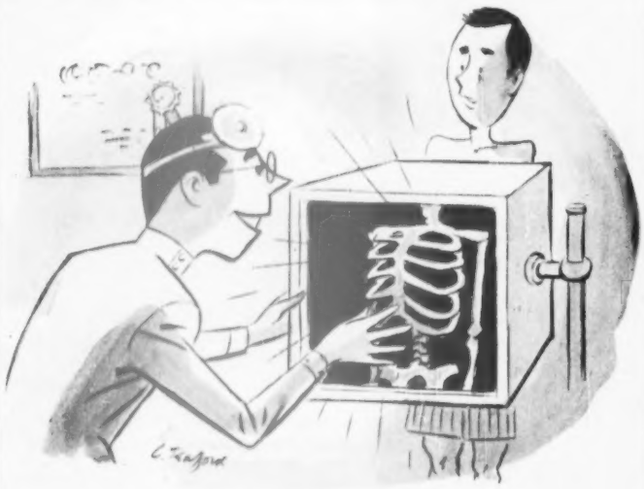

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Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Home gardening is big business!

A study of the preliminary reports on horticultural specialties by the Census of Agriculture sheds new light on the scope of ornamental planting by home gardeners.

The value of roses grown and sold in the United States in a single year is in excess of the combined value of all the following commercial trees and vines: apples, apricots, cherries, grapes, peaches, pears, plums and prunes, quinces, and all other deciduous fruit trees, as well as all nut trees and citrus fruit trees!

The value of African-violets grown and sold in this country in a single year is within $1,000 of the value of all apple trees grown in nurseries, or of all the citrus fruit trees produced in the same period. And the census probably didn't include a tenth of the homemakers who raise this house plant for sale!

Spaghetti fans: please note

Home gardeners will welcome the new tomato, Red Top, developed at the New York State Experiment Station, as a paste tomato.

Its thick, rich pulp can be used for concentrated tomato paste, improving the color and texture of catsup, and for canning whole. It makes a less-watery finished product than ordinary tomatoes when mixed with other vegetables such as onions or peppers.

Similar to Italian Canner tomato in shape, Red Top is somewhat larger and produces more fruits to a vine.

More tomato news

The first tomato resistant to both fusarium and verticillium wilts, common fungus diseases in tomatoes, has been developed by the University of California at Davis.

It has been named Simi for the town of that name in Ventura County, California. The limited amount of seed now available will probably go to commercial growers for wide-scale tests in 1953. But home gardeners may be able to buy the new variety next year.

All-America seed testing now 20 years old

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of All-America Selections. This nonprofit organization introduces seeds of the best new flowers and vegetables to the public each year. The two 1953 medal winners in flowers are shown on pages 47 and 49.

Through its executive secretary, W. Ray Hastings, All-America Selections registers new varieties and receives seed samples for trial by impartial judges. With only a few exceptions, the leading annuals of the past

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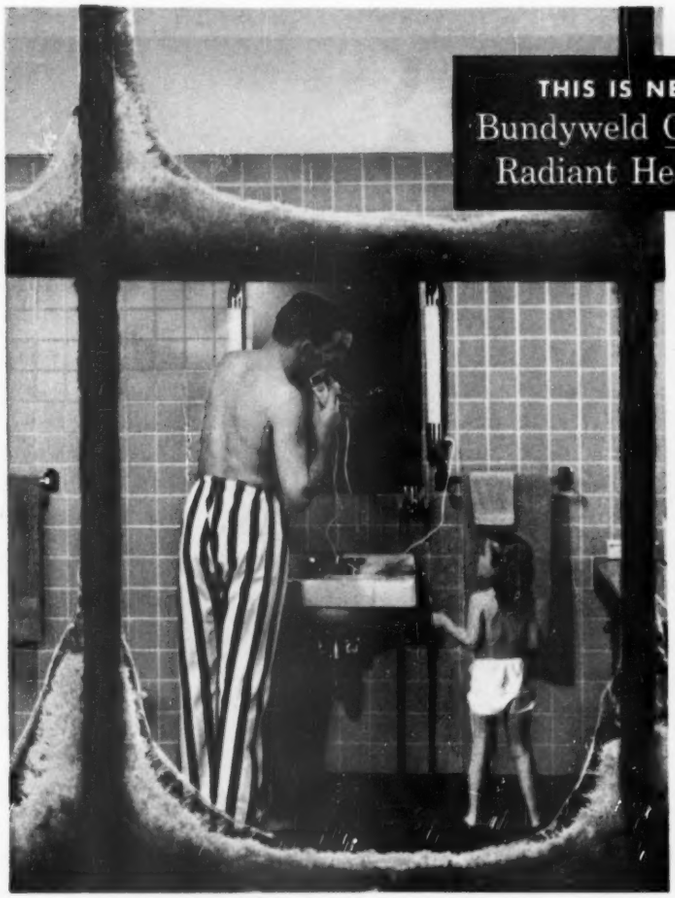

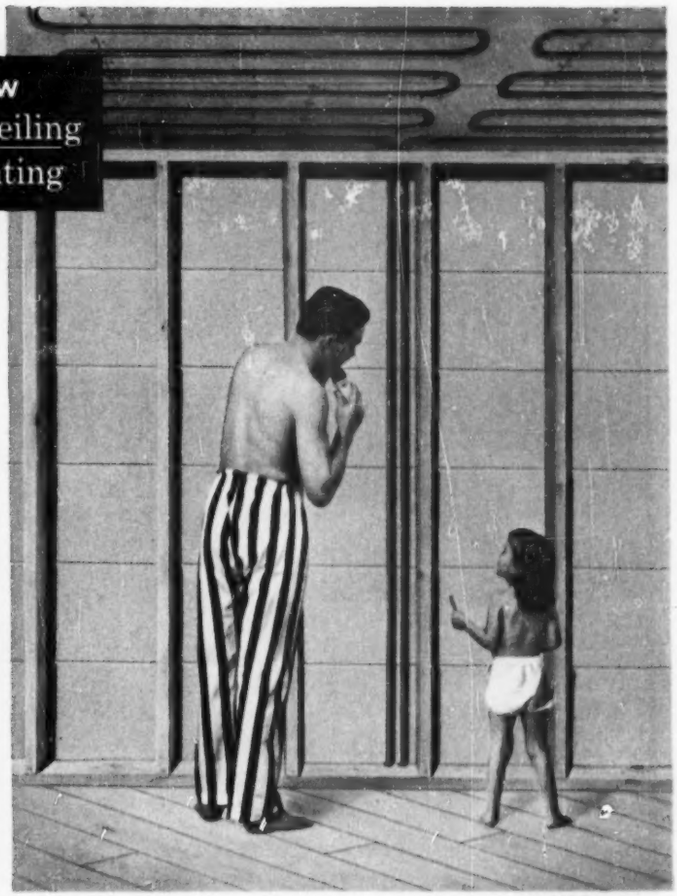

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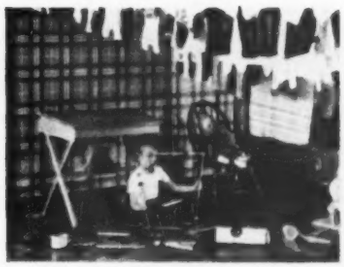

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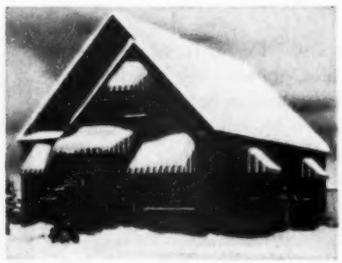

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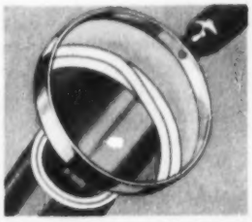

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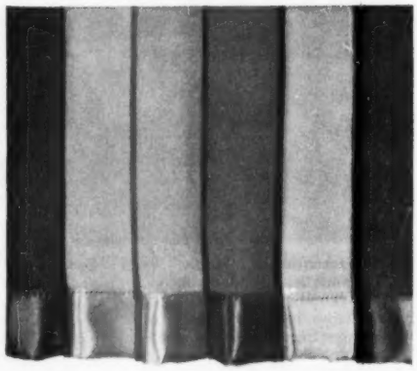

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20 years were entered in these trials and won awards.

Trials are conducted in more than 20 trial grounds, located to test each variety under different conditions. Even if a variety shows up well in one locality, it is discounted unless it performs equally well over most of the country.

The marigold variety Guinea Gold, first winner of the award in 1933, still is considered one of the finest in its class. Imperator Carrot, Asgrow Stringless Black Valentine Bean, and Honey Rock Muskmelon, 1933 vegetable winners, still are first-rate varieties.

New weed killers for 1953

Two new products to control unwanted vegetation are scheduled for general distribution this year.

One contains crude borax, ground and screened, which has proved an excellent weed killer for drives and walks. The federal government has used this material under blacktop and thin concrete toppings on airfields. Where such surfaces are not treated, weeds frequently grow right through the paving. On walks and drives, one treatment lasts up to two years.

The second product also contains borax, but is mixed with sodium chlorate. This destroys vegetation overnight. Sodium chlorate, always considered an effective nonselective weed killer, went out of use because of the high fire hazard involved. When mixed with borax, a fireproofing material, it is safe to use.

New chemicals to aid gardener

A new fungicide, no more poisonous to man than common table salt, has proved highly effective against a wide variety of fungus diseases in plants. Called 406 because it was the 406th compound in a series of 2,000 new chemicals, it will be introduced in 1953. Several manufacturers will market it, all using the 406 symbol to identify the active ingredient.

The new compound has proved so effective against apple scab that Eastern orchards hope to match the marvelous, scab-free color of Western apples. It is effective against a long list of other plant fungi. As a seed treatment, it has substantially increased the stands of many garden and lawn seeds.

Many-purpose dust to be introduced

One of the most practical single-shot dusts for the home garden seems to be a combination of zineb, a zinc-base fungicide, and methoxychlor, a less poisonous relative of DDT. It controls most fungus diseases found on garden vegetables and also kills common garden pests, including aphids and others not touched by DDT.

A commercial version will be brought out in 1953.

Roses respond to light

Rose plants may be able to use more light than they get under ordinary growing conditions. Tests at Michigan State College showed production of more roses per plant when a light-reflective mulch was used to increase the light on the undersides of leaves.

The mulch used in the tests was a white, porcelain-like frit (see August, 1952, *Better Homes & Gardens*). Rose growers who like to experiment might try using bright straw or other light-colored mulches until horticultural frit is commercially available.

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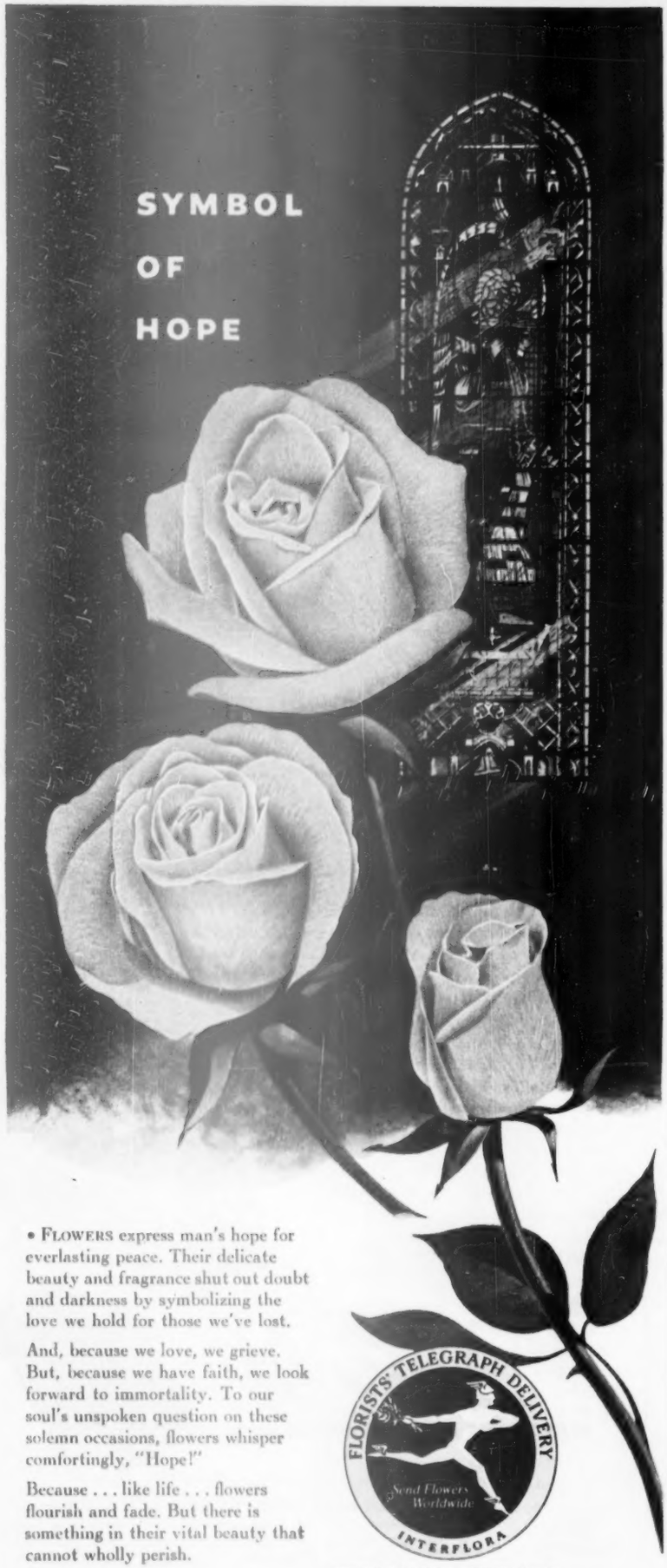

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Be a whiz at growing

Veteran growers can afford to review these tips—and every new fan learn them quickly

Even with your first plant, you'll want to examine the roots. So learn to slide your fingers smoothly under the leaves without cracking a single stem.

Make a V of your index and tallest fingers. Run them past the crown of the plant while holding pot with other hand. Tap pot rim on something solid like this. Out plant comes!

The short-furred leaves of all the African-violets look messy with soil and dust clinging to them.

When shifting young seedlings or repotting divisions, you'll save mussed-up leaves if you use a funnel, spoon soil into its larger end without dropping a crumb.

You can roll up a funnel out of paper if you have none right at hand made of metal or glass.

Little abrasions made by rough pot edges and the accumulation of soil salts on the surface are jointly responsible for loss of many leaves.

Suspect these as chief cause when leaf stems go jellylike and collapse.

Test pot rims for smoothness. Favorites not quite smooth enough should be dipped in hot paraffin or shellacked. Or cover them with clear tape.

African-violets

(For closely related gloxinias, see page 54)

Prompt clipping off of all spent flower stems seems a small thing.

But regular attention to this insures your plants always looking their best when fellow enthusiasts and collectors come to visit you unexpectedly.

It also makes certain that none of the plants' strength will be devoted to unwanted seedmaking. Use sharp shears. Leave lower stems undisturbed.

Here's something almost every exhibitor of prize-winning plants practices:

With attention to the health of the main crown, small competing growths are pulled off, usually several weeks before they get to be this size.

The cannier exhibitors then press toothpicks into soil to space remaining leaves in pattern of spoke-like symmetry.

How you water, when you water, and what temperatures are the best can be debated lengthily.

Wick-watering, with the water creeping up into the soil of the pot from a saucer reservoir keeps the soil evenly moist.

Use water that's warm, even fairly hot during the cold weather.

Add a little plant food to water twice monthly.

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African-violets

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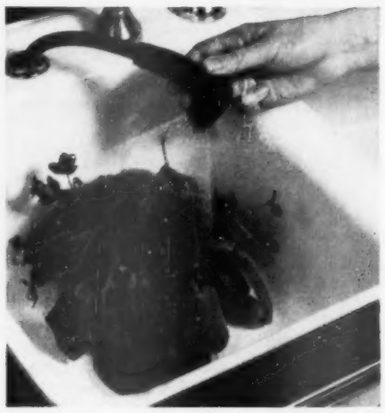

You may feel a bit breathless when you bathe your first African-violet. But these pretty house plants profit from a well-conducted shower as you'll find.

Transfer to kitchen sink. Use fine spray and tepid water—feels neither hot nor cold on your wrist. Allow plant to dry before returning to window.

On days you have time for only a quick once-over, here's a trick you'll be glad to know: Take off some yellowing or superfluous leaf and use its hairy upper surface as you would a brush.

Stroke from bases of leaves toward tips. You'll find this clears away the dust quickly.

In even the best-groomed collections, the wily mealy-bug pest can be sometimes found—so vigilance pays.

Older bugs gather in leaf crevices, are easy to see because they are cottony white.

Dip cotton swab into nail-polish remover or cologne and touch all white dots. Repeat every third day until none can be seen.

Control of other insect pests is best done by using a fine atomizer.

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for the handyman

Slot machine. When you're cutting a thin, short strip of wood with a circular saw, the cut-off strips often wedge in opening by blade.

Cover the opening with slotted length of ¼-inch plywood clamped below work.

To cut slot, clamp strip over lowered blade, start saw, raise blade slowly into wood.

Edward G. Schultz
Los Angeles, California

Blocks that pass. Smoothing a large panel with sandpaper is easier on the fingertips if you wrap the paper around a small sanding block.

But better than a wooden block, I've found, is a chunk of soft insulating board. Its corners don't cut excessively and it won't crack sandpaper.

Hazel Allen
Ames, Iowa

Photographs: Stanley

Swift lift. Boxes of odds and ends that accumulate around a workshop are easier to carry if fitted with handles.

Pictured is an inexpensive easy-to-apply handle: a double-ended, wire coat hook from the dimestore. Screw one into each end of the box.

William Swallow
Brooklyn, New York

Rust buster. To take off rust spots from small metal tools or parts, you need an abrasive coarse enough to cut rust, yet not so coarse that it will scratch the steel.

A stenographer's eraser of the type pictured contains the right amount of grit for the job. Also, that narrow edge gets into crevices easily.

Stanley Peterson
Dallas, Texas

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When you step from your warm home on these cold, frosty mornings, can you be certain *that your car will start quickly?*

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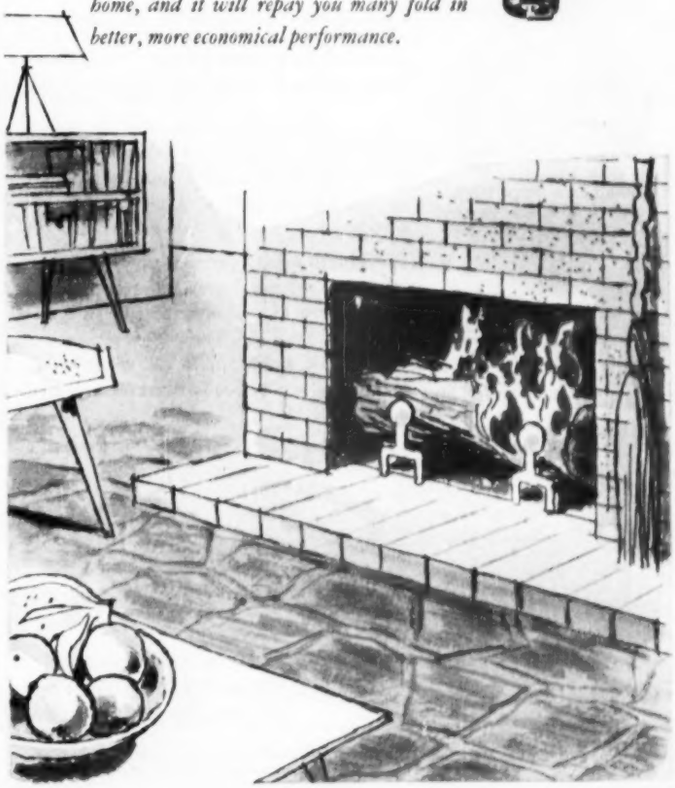

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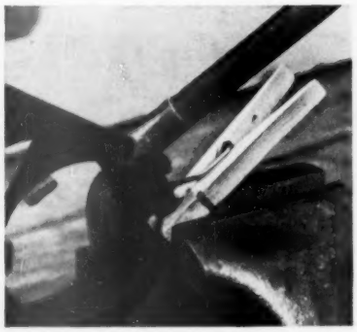

Tin-pin ally. Whenever you clamp small objects in your vise, a spring-type clothespin is a handy safeguard for your work and your fingers.

Wooden jaws of the pin keep the vise from denting softer materials. When you're soldering, you can remove the object easily without waiting for it to cool.

J. Kenneth Ginburg
Atlanta, Georgia

Key note. Keys will operate more effectively in a lock, and zippers will work more smoothly when they are properly lubricated.

An excellent, nongreasy lubricant to use is graphite, readily available in the lead of a pencil. One treatment lasts for months.

William Hiestand
West Lafayette, Indiana

My doweling. Maybe you have been stumped by this problem. Using a drill press, I wanted to drill a series of accurate holes in short dowels.

To hold the dowels in place, I improvised this V-block — two short lengths of pipe that are bolted together. Weight of the pipe acts to hold this assembly in place.

Ken Murray
Colon, Michigan

Moving story. I work for a moving company, and find many people do not know this trick for moving heavy equipment such as a range, refrigerator, or washer.

Tip the object to be moved far enough so you can slide a piece of carpeting under it — a throw rug will do. Now push or pull the object. Pad reduces friction to the point where moving is much easier.

Steve Galgoczy
Cleveland, Ohio

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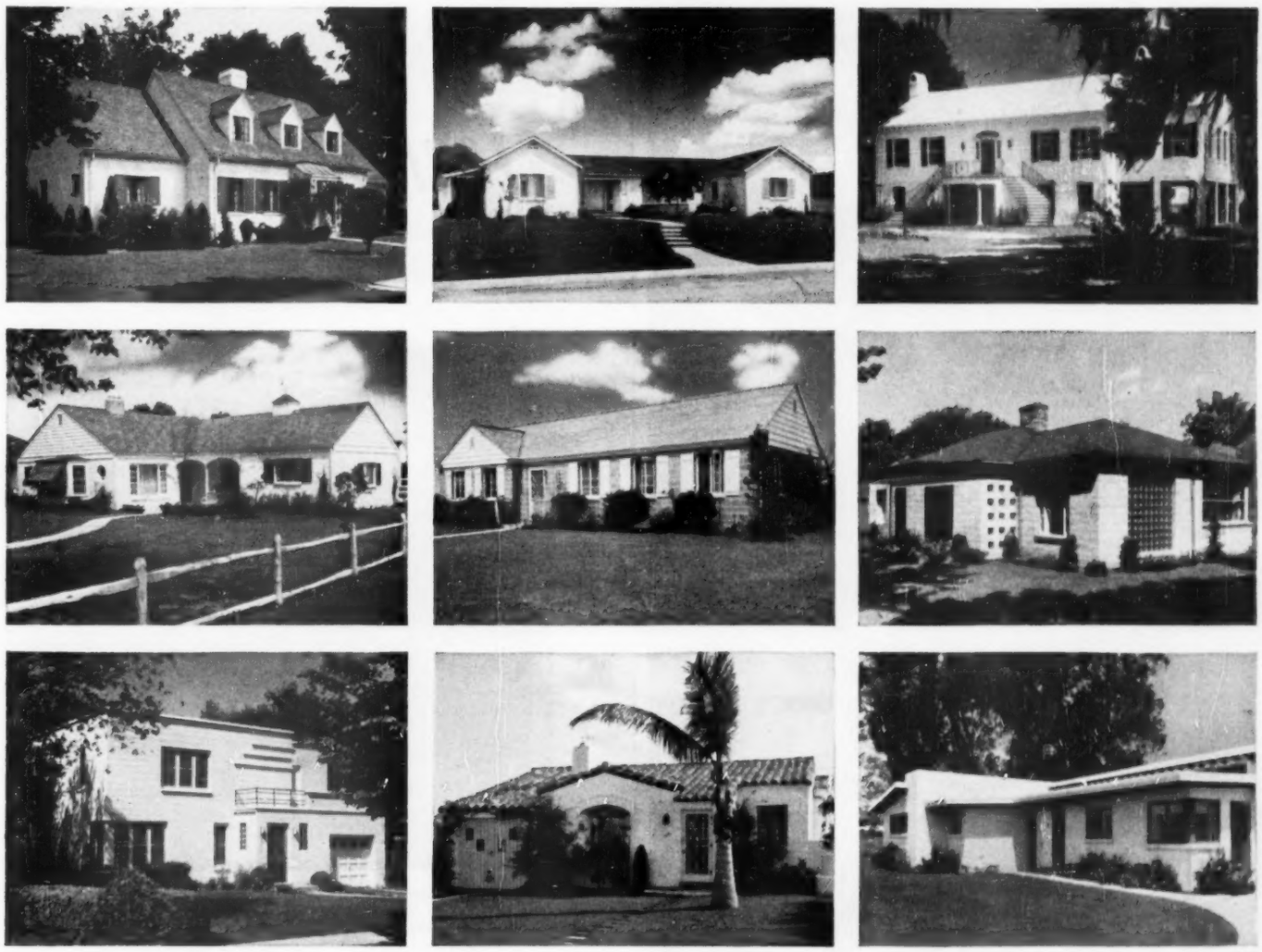

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Your pet and mine

By Russell K. Lowry

An overfriendly dog can be a nuisance

Your guests may like dogs, but even a confirmed dog lover loses patience with an ill-mannered pet. In teaching a dog to behave, the main thing is to show him what you want, then associate a command word with the act. Repeat until dog grasps the idea

Photographs: Harriet Arnold

Be patient but firm when training

If you want your dog to sit, push his hindquarters down and keep them down. Command "sit" as you do so. Keep repeating until he catches on. Don't make training a grind; teach him a few minutes at a time, and space intervals. He'll learn quickly

If your dog is continually annoying your guests, why not teach him the "sit," "stay," and "down" commands? You'll be proud to have him meet your visitors

Teach him only one command at a time

If you want your dog to stay in one spot, sit him down and hold your hand as you back away, commanding over and over in a firm voice, "Stay!" If he follows, rush back and repeat the procedure. Repeat until he's contented to stay on command

Be generous when you praise your dog

If you want your dog to lie down, first make him sit. Then take his forefeet in one hand and with the other hand press on the top of his head or shoulders as you pull his feet forward, commanding "down." Praise your dog when he obeys command

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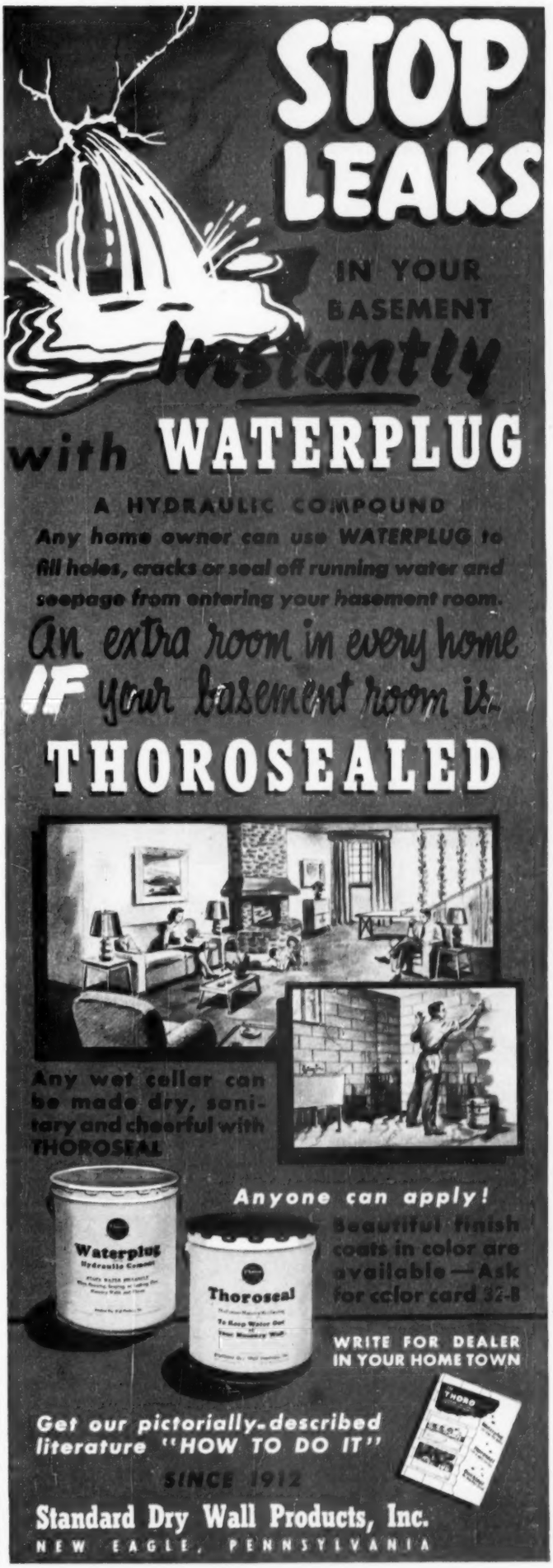

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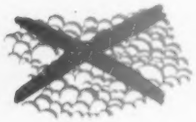

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Your pet and mine

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Our dog puts up an awful fuss when he sees the scissors coming to trim his nails. What's the solution?—Mrs. G. H. H., West Virginia.

Nail trimming calls for an instrument especially made for the job. Ordinary household scissors won't do because a dog's nails have a flat side which catches in such a cutting tool, wrenching sensitive ligaments of the paw. Better than buying the nail clipper is to have a veterinarian cut your dog's nails. A veterinarian can do the job with neatness and dispatch, and the fee is small.

Our son is interested in breeding squabs, not so much for pets as for selling them. Is this a profitable hobby?—Mrs. G. F. C., Ohio.

Squabs always have been and no doubt will be in brisk demand for the table. Most people who make money rearing them for profit are in the business on a rather pretentious scale, with considerable investment in equipment, quarters, and facilities for large-volume production. Experience in pigeon care, housing, feeding, and breeding are all vital factors. However, all of these big operators had to start small in the beginning, so who knows, if your son is persistent he may wind up far beyond the hobby stage.

We would like to mate our pure-bred male Collie to a female, accepting one of the female puppies as a siring fee. Then, when this female matures, we want to breed her back to the father. Could we register the resulting litter of puppies?—Mr. R. W. M., Missouri.

Yes, you may register the litter sired by the female's father. However, this close inbreeding is frowned upon by best authorities as being detrimental to character and temperament. Besides, it doesn't look good on a pedigree. While it's done sometimes, the great majority of breeders avoid the practice for the reasons stated above.

Someone told me the scratch of a cat is dangerous. Is this true?—Mr. G. J. J., Michigan.

"Cat-scratch fever" is now established as a definite disease. It is apparently caused by a germ which is secreted in the cat's claws. This germ or microorganism enters the skin of the scratched person, causing irregular fever, red pimples around the area, swelling glands, poor appetite, nausea, and chills. The illness, diagnosed as nonfatal, may last as long as six months. No successful treatment for "cat-scratch fever" has been reported at this writing.

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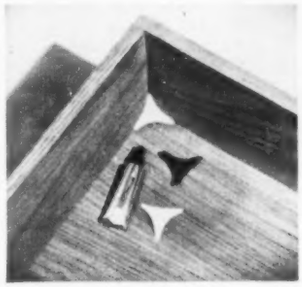
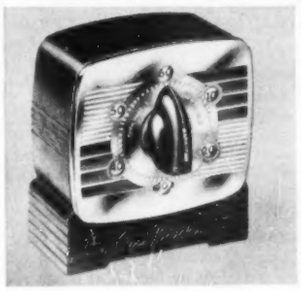


Round corners stay clean, don't collect dirt and germs. Little plastic triangles stick with a dab of glue to corners in drawers, stairways, cupboards. Fit tightly, keep dirt from catching in corners. Triangles are about 1¼", point to point, available in mahogany, ivory, white, clear, translucent amber, red, or green. Forty *Kleen Korners* and glue, $1, ppd., from manufacturer. Byrd Tool & Mold Co., 2953 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa.



Split-second timer can be set to give you precision clock watching by ticking off the seconds up to 360 of them and notifying you with a clear bell signal. Or can be adjusted to give you minute timing up to an hour. Calls time on eggs, phone calls (when set for second timing), on baking, and children's practicing (with the long-time setting). Portable timer is pocket size, just 4 3/16" high. *Clock Watcher*, $4.95, in stores. M. H. Rhodes, Inc., Hartford 14, Conn.

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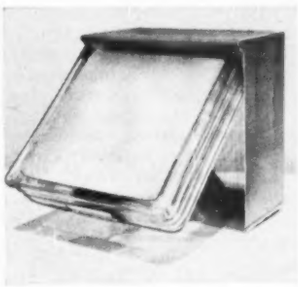

Glass block on a hinge, for wall installation, swings outward for ventilation. Built-in screen keeps out insects; gasket makes brick weather-tight when closed. Glass block is housed in an aluminum, 8" block-size frame. It can be used in glass-block installations or in concrete or brick wall for ventilating hall, garage, closet, or bathroom. Opening and closing the glass block is controlled by a steel handle operated from inside. Vent block is precoated with asphalt emulsion to be laid in the same way as ordinary glass block. *Panel Vent*, about $6, in stores. Kimble Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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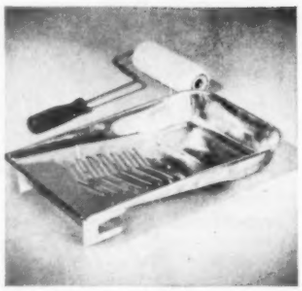

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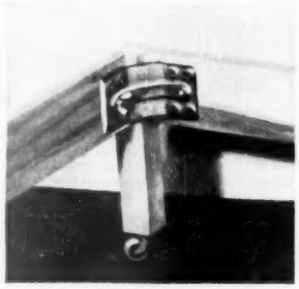

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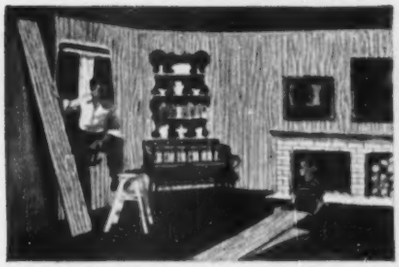

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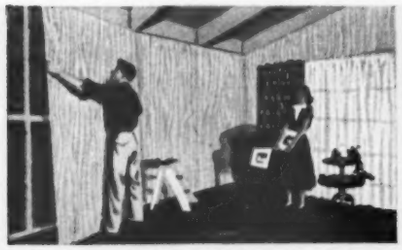

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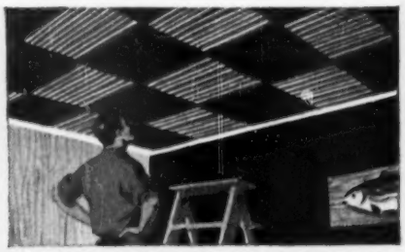

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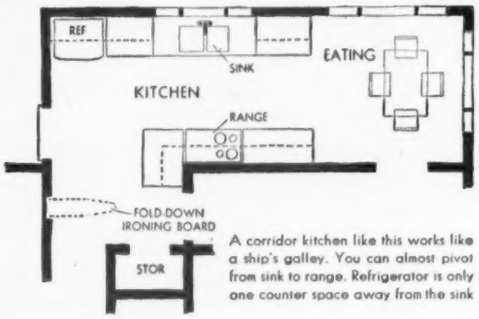
It's a beautiful saver of steps!

Meals go in a beeline from the range to garden dinette where indoor plants give the family a touch of spring all year.

Wrought-iron chairs with yellow cushions, glass-topped table, and big window door add airiness to this kitchen.

More on this kitchen, page 115



A corridor kitchen like this works like a ship's galley. You can almost pivot from sink to range. Refrigerator is only one counter space away from the sink

New kitchens

that work for you

Three brand-new kitchens—each efficient, glamorous, a joy to be in. That's what is in store for you on this and the next four pages! Unlike Topsy, these kitchens didn't "just grow"! Each began with a sound plan—the range, refrigerator, and sink in working harmony, separated by counter "elbow-room." Other appliances, cabinets, eatspots were also placed where they can serve you best.

Whether you're building or remodeling, you'll want to measure your dreams or plans against these kitchens designed for family comfort and pleasure. And be sure to turn again to our last September's issue for ways to transform tired, old kitchens into sprightly, up-to-date models you'd be proud to have for your own.

The delightful kitchen you see above belongs to the A. H. Baccis of Northbrook, Illinois. Mrs. Bacci asked her architect husband for a dining-kitchen and garden all in one. Here's her wish come true—a cheerful room where she can prepare meals easily and serve them just a few steps away. Look the kitchen over. It may be the very kind you want!

Kitchen stowaway ideas, next page

Make a big kitchen pay storage dividends

This kitchen starts out big, but every inch is made to count just as much as if it were small. The Harrison Houstons, Greenwich, Connecticut, actually stacked and measured their kitchen utensils and other articles they wanted stored there, then juggled plans until they found workable solutions. Result: a kitchen that's three rooms in one—with storage dividers—a real center of activities for a family of five. There's play storage for the young ones; shallow, reachable shelves for staples; special tuck-away places. The pictures show you lots of "where-to-put-it" ideas for your own kitchen.

Bright, sunny corner gives diners a pleasant outlook

The corner seat in aqua leatherette contrasts dramatically with the deep chocolate-brown walls and coral counters. The curtains that Mrs. Houston made repeat the kitchen colors.

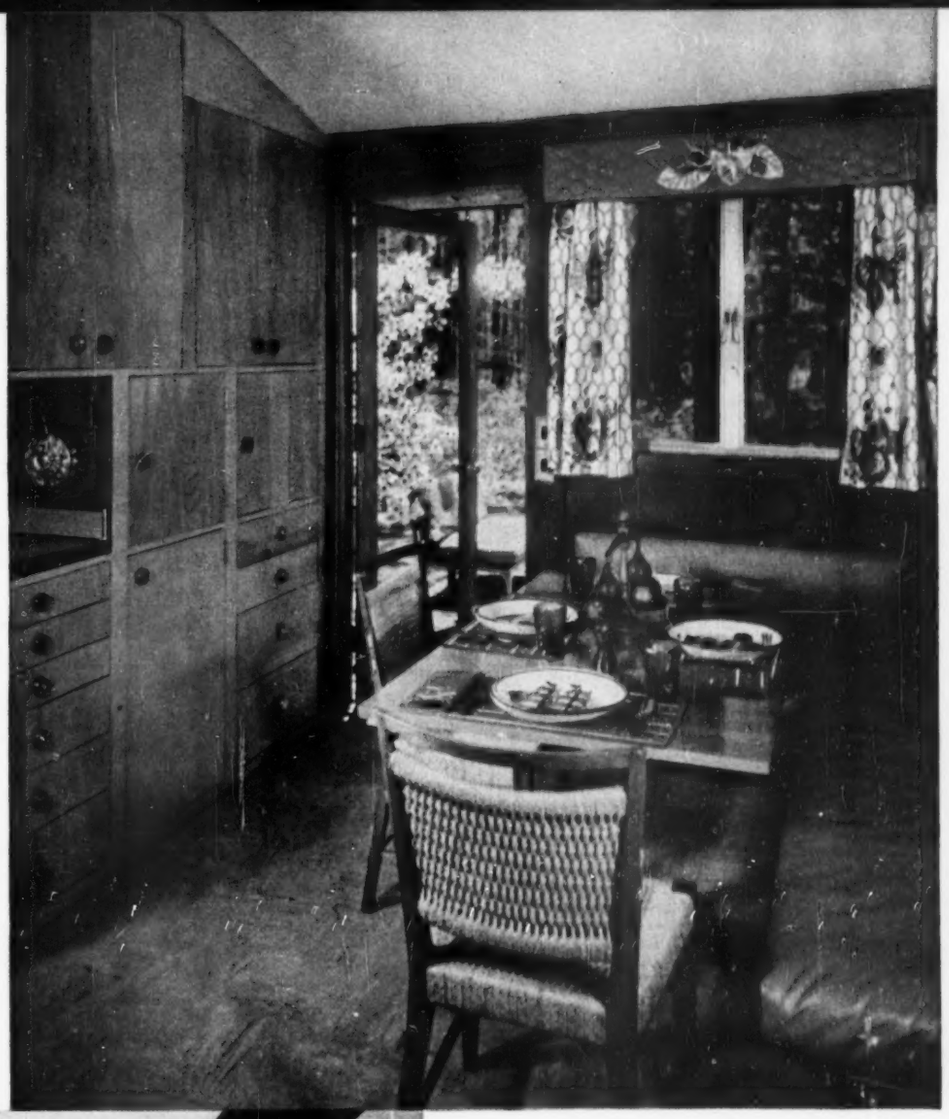
Within view of the cooking center, this is a gay, playproof place for little Holly, Harrison III, and Edward on rainy days.

For a peek into the storage cabinets, see the top-right picture on page 83.

This take-it-easy kitchen makes for smooth living

Twin apartment-size ranges provide six cooking units and two ovens to take care of daily meals, important holiday feasts. Low windows give a view of the yard from the convenient, sit-down work corner.

At right, staples are easy to find in their glass containers. The coral counter continues to the eatspot. Doorway is between counter and shelves. (See plan.) *More about this kitchen, page 82.*



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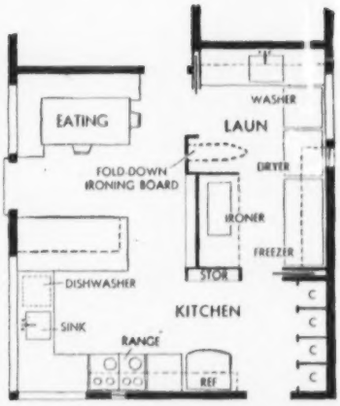


Plan shows the three areas—kitchen, laundry, and eatspot separated by partitions filled with cabinets! Architect: Thomas H. Yardley.

Laundry room has everything!

There's an extra sink—just the place for flower arrangement. Next is a long counter for sorting clothes, then the washer, dryer, and freezer. At left is cabinet for laundry, freezing supplies; the ironer fits in space below

Big plans for a little kitchen →

Make room in a little kitchen

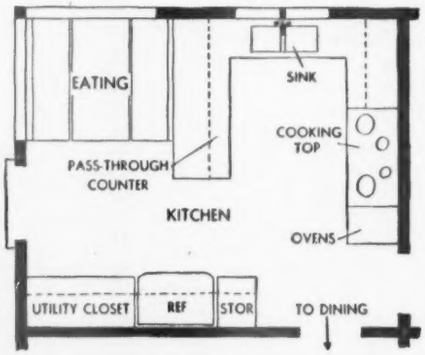
You can have a small kitchen that's roomy in spite of itself. The trick is to plan it to the inch with your own convenience and your family's needs in mind.

Take advantage of modern spacesaving equipment, and of the built-in idea for the eatspot. And remember to include a generous number of "you-saving," energy-conserving features such as these:

- All work areas placed within a few steps of each other.
- Large counter with a pass-through to dining area.
- Refrigerator with a "landing" counter near eatspot.
- Dish cabinets to separate dining area from kitchen.
- Plenty of counter and storage space at work centers.
- A cutting-board counter between the range and sink.
- Stain-resistant surfaces on table and counter tops.
- Light-giving corner windows; more windows over sink.
- Pans hanging within handy reach of the cooking top.

The kitchen on this page has all this in just 15x12½ feet of space! The Glenn Moores, of Skokie Woods, Illinois, whose kitchen it is, seasoned the modern with the friendliness of Colonial decoration. To personalize it for yourself, add just a dash of your own heirloom treasures to catch the sunlight streaming through wide windows (as in the picture at the right.)

You'll notice in the plan that the well-designed cooking center is U-shaped. It's only a step across to the refrigerator, a step around the peninsula counter to the eatspot. Here is homespun coziness combined with up-to-date efficiency in every sense of the word!



Architect F. Clare Hinkley proves a lot can be done when space is at a premium

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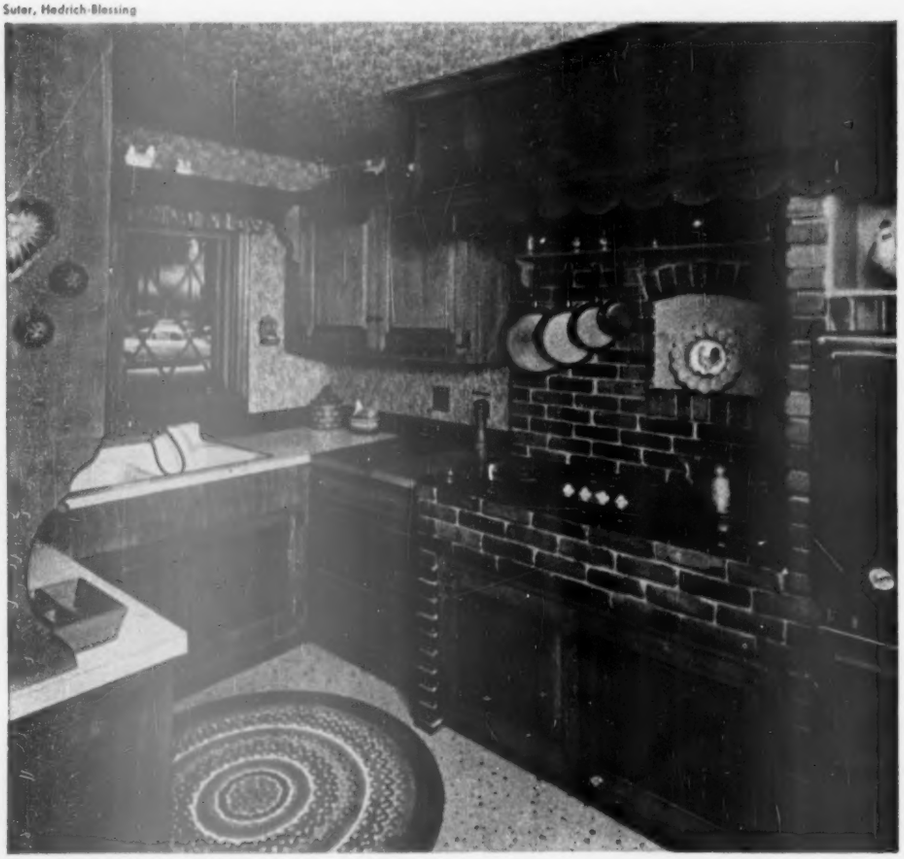

Charming to look at— and a dream to work in

The warmth of yesteryear is conveyed in mellow wood cabinets, a brick cooking center (bricks are treated with sealer so they won't spot), speckled linoleum, chintz ruffles matching the quaint wallpaper.

And the convenience of today is right there, too — a double sink, lots of cabinets, built-in ovens, and separate cooking top. The scalloped hood above the range houses an exhaust fan to clear away cooking odors.

Cheery eatspot is the family's favorite haunt

Spacious corner windows visually enlarge the little dinette. See the glass shelves that display Mrs. Moore's collection of beautiful antiques to best advantage.

The birch pedestal table and wide pass-through counter have mar-resistant tops. No worry about spills or hot foods! Counter's a boon for spreading out plate meals to go to dinette or dining room.

Latest answers to your garden wants

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

YOU'LL be calling for more—once you see how good these new flowers are. No matter how tiny, or how large your garden space is, here's something you'll prize. All are thoroughly tested. Roses, chrysanthemums, and daylilies you'll have to buy as plants. The blazing petunia, the pansies with the funny faces, the lofty foxgloves, and rich but oh-so-easy alyssum come readily from seeds. Now is the time to order. Opportunity is going rat-a-tat right on your door.

Comanche—a petunia that's really red

Winner of an All-America Selections medal for '53, this new petunia is almost fadeless and has flowers from July on, covering plants neither too lush nor too scrawny. Seeds are tiny, are best started indoors. Merely press onto fine soil

Vaughan

Hybrid vigor in African-violets

Fairytales is name of this new true hybrid which grows like a bouquet. First seeds for sale this spring. Eighty percent of seedlings will have this habit

Photographs: Lisanti

Felix pansy—new dress-up for spring border

Talk about the cat's whiskers! Felix is the pansy that has them. The amusing faces come in tawny Persian red and dusky tortoise, quite the liveliest you'll see. Start seeds early, or buy plants to beautify your spring-flowering bulbs

Bold, easy blooms for July

Plant sturdy, long-lived daylilies this spring. Shown are ruby-red Chivalry, 7-inch Painted Lady at lower left, pure gold plate Larksong, palest canary North Star, Evelyn Claar, best of pinks

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Latest answers to your garden wants *Continued*

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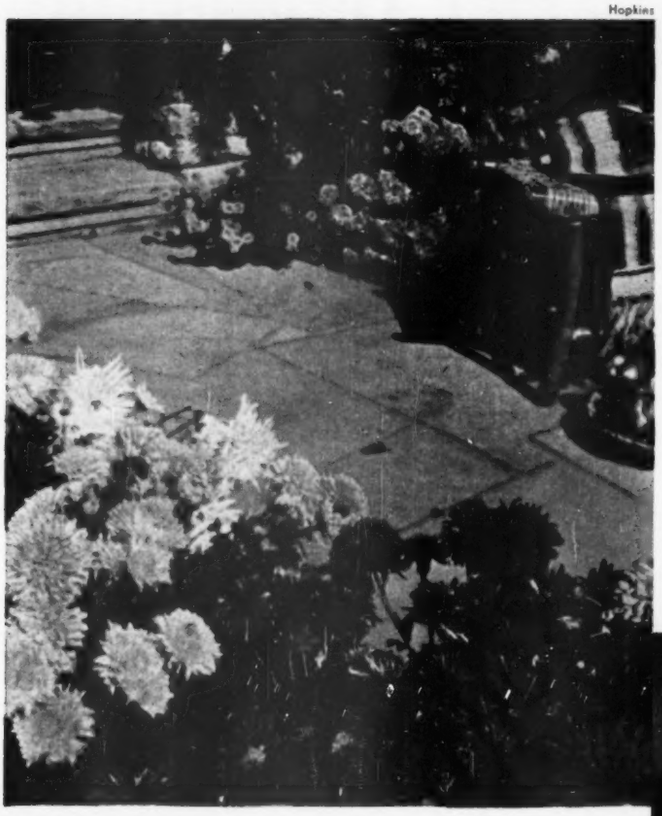
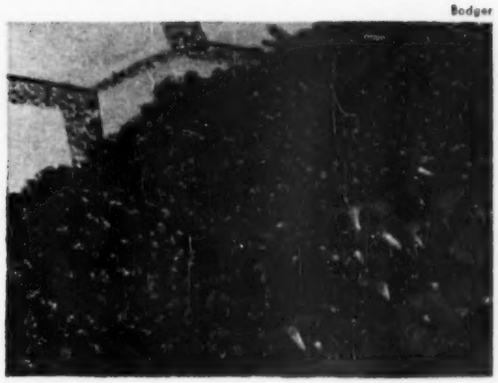


Really big mums to grow outdoors

Now you can have hardy garden chrysanthemums of the size and colors of greenhouse varieties. Set plants this spring. Of the amazingly fine new list named for birds, here are glowing Tanager, Canary, and Cockatoo, a large and shaggy white

Badger



Quick, easy edging—costs little

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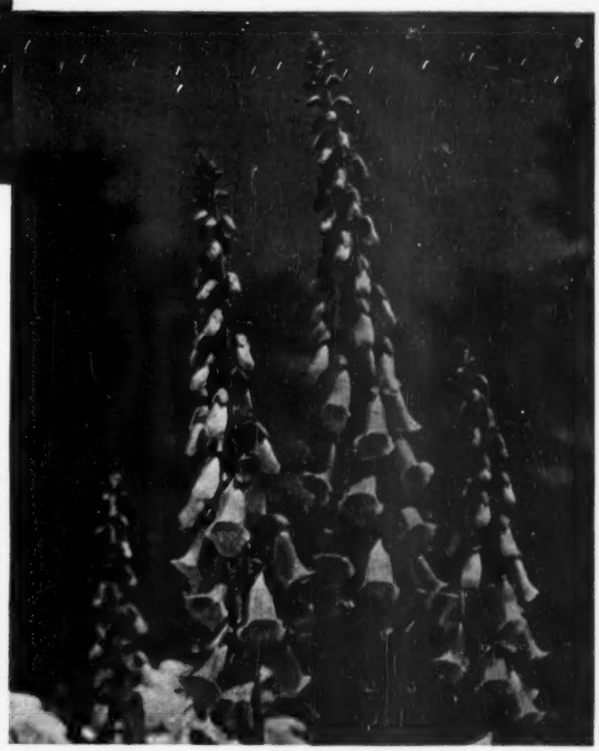


Foxgloves give lift to June garden

Giant Shirley Foxgloves will bring sure enchantment with their rosy minarets and steeples when the peonies fade. Start your seeds soon for June bloom next year

de Gennaro

Chrysler Imperial resists fading

Winning hybrid-tea in All-America Rose Selections for '53; it has perfume, height, and wonderful form

New Ma Perkins rose—for cutting

Delightful color and perfume mark this new A.A. R. S. medal winner. Blooms proudly all summer

Color rescues an

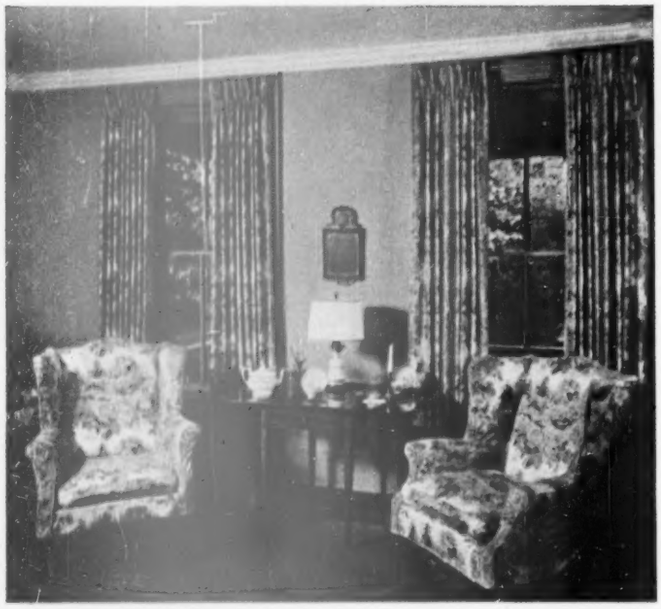
By Polly Cramer

Decorating—not extensive, expensive remodeling—makes the big difference in this old house. And it's a paint-and-paper job, the sort of cleanup and cover-up renovation you can do yourself.

The house is old, 125 years old. And there were undesirable features in the floor plan. For example, the antiquated bathroom at the end of the gloomy center hall could be seen from the front door.

But see how the new owners made light of bad planning. Without tearing out partitions, rerouting the plumbing, or making any major changes, they created a home that is utterly captivating, revived almost entirely by color.

Each old house has its own problem spots. There are no pat solutions. But if you have courage and imagination, take the plunge. Results like these are worth it!



Don't be afraid of old houses

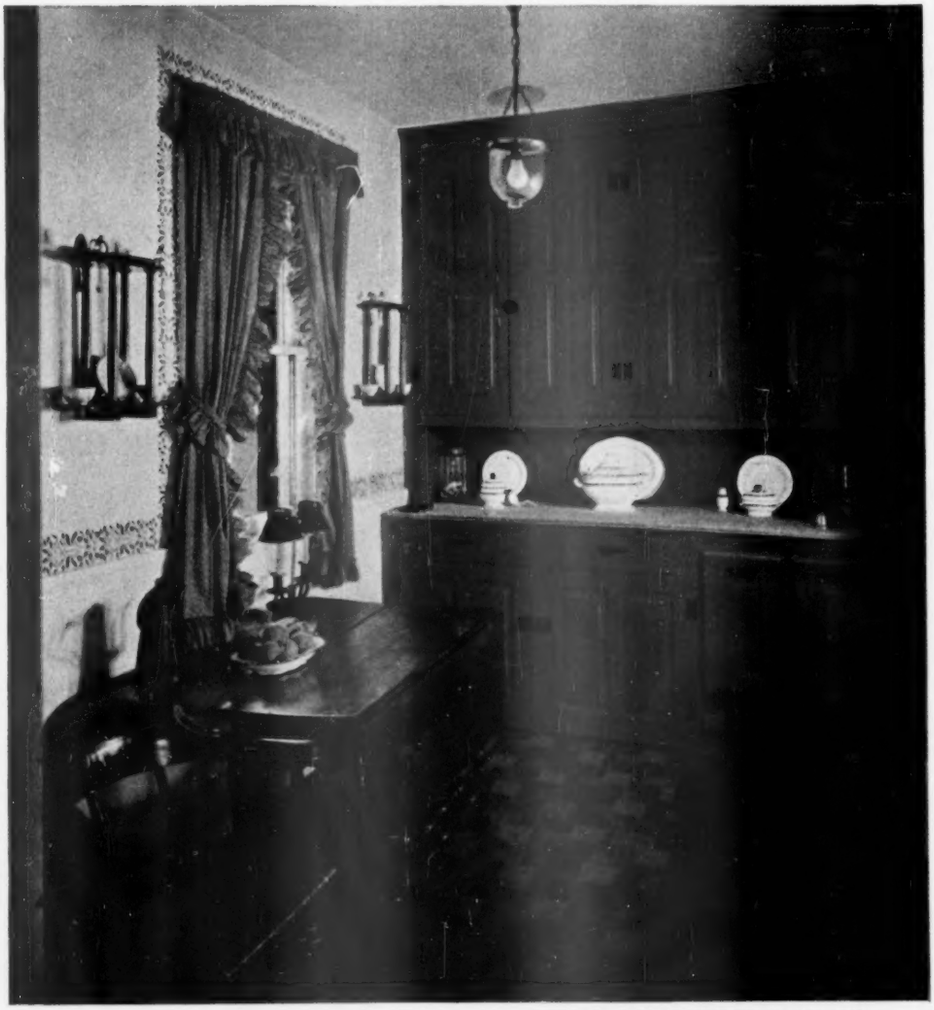
Layers of peeling paper, heavy, dark woodwork, and scuffed floors are only superficial drawbacks. If the house is sound, if it's roomy, if it's where you'd like to live, you can make it look like this.

Window frames and high baseboard are painted to match walls. Antique mirror covers old gaslight.

Convert a dark, grim pantry to a cheery breakfast room

Cupboards are painted lobster red, are dressed up with black hardware. "Stenciled" border around window is cut from wallpaper.

Glazed percale curtains have their ruffles pinked rather than hemmed: quicker to make, and the ruffles are perkier.



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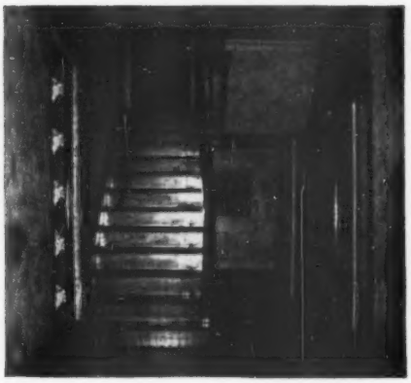

In a long, windowless hall, use lots of white for light

White dado, white ceiling, and wallpaper with a white ground banish gloom. Dado was added to strengthen plaster walls.

Matting on floors was removed, and old boards refinished. Home of Decorators Clark and Helen Bates, Middletown, Ohio.

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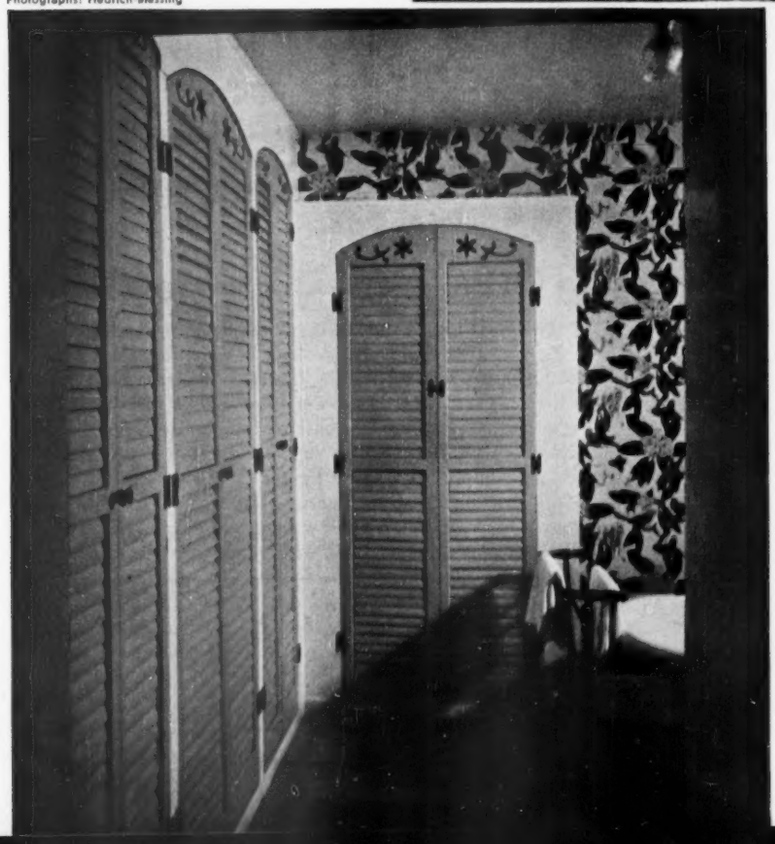
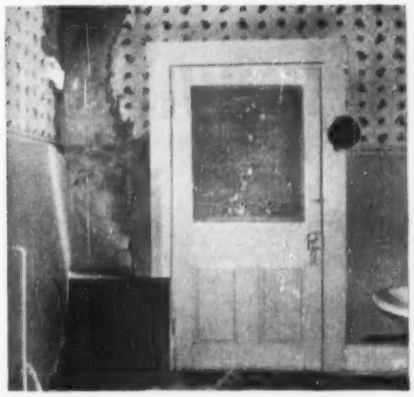


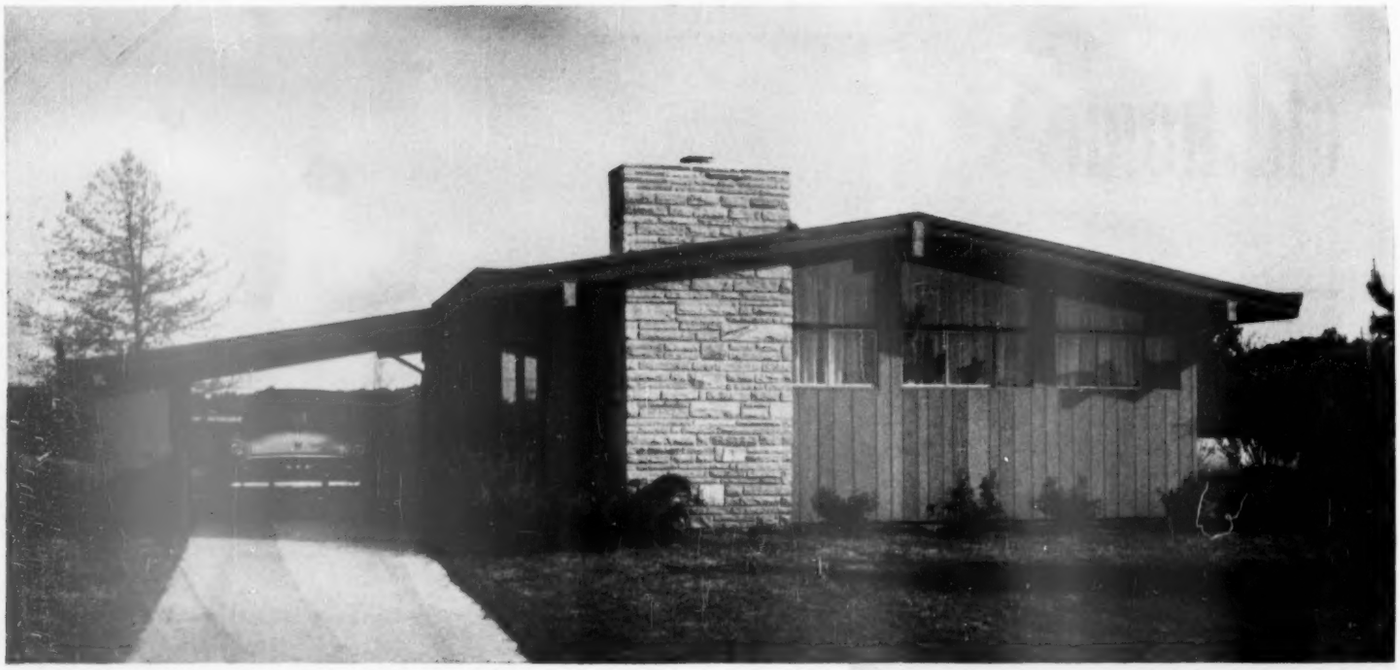


Treat a hopeless bathroom with style and bold color

Antique shutter doors, enameled yellow, are fitted over new closet wall, to make double-duty dressing room of big, old bathroom.

Handsome paper, new yellow linoleum complete the change. Even when the door stands open, view from front door is charming.

More pictures on page 107



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By John Normile, A.I.A

Here's a house that packs a lot of living into just 1,168 square feet of floor space. Selected as Five Star Home No. 2301, the three-bedroom scheme is developed within the rigid limits of an economical rectangle that's only 26x45 feet in size. It reflects to a high degree the sound planning ideas usually employed in more elaborate houses.

Located in the Ridgewood Subdivision near St. Louis, the house was designed by Burton W. Duenke and Ralph Fournier, and built by the Burton W. Duenke Building Company. St. Louis Decorator Minna Elman supervised all furnishings and decoration.

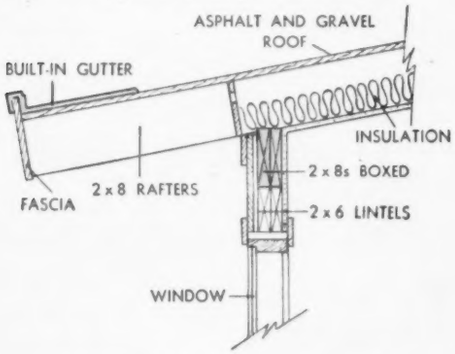
Does the term "modern planning" apply to this house? Definitely. Very simply, it shows up in the allocation of space according to use; in openness developed through use of glass, sloped ceilings, and a lack of partitions; in a smooth indoor-outdoor transition. (*Complete working drawings are available; you'll find details on how to get them on page 103.*)

The usual functions of a basement have been allocated to a compact, first-floor utility room. Here are washer, dryer, clothes hamper, and water heater. There's even room for a small workbench. The heating plant, also in the utility room, is elevated above the washer and dryer. This innovation, a budgetsaver as well as a spacesaver, reduces costly ductwork.

The location of the utility room between the kitchen and bathroom provides a major costsaving feature—centralized plumbing. All plumbing fixtures are grouped within an imaginary circle having only a 9-foot diameter.

Though this house has fewer square [*Turn to page 100*

Sectional diagram of roof construction



The keynote is simplicity. Two unusual construction features are shown in color

Here is living room as seen from dining area. Through window you see carport. Just inside doorway is good-size closet for overcoats. Location of the couch sets off a handy entryway

Simple, clean design gives house a crispness seldom found in houses as small as this. Low-pitched roof, vertical siding, and smart stone chimney are important touches of good styling, careful planning

Rear view of house shows outdoor living area. Terrace and carport floors are pitched slightly away from the house for quick drainage. This picture illustrates how the roof overhang shades windows during heat of day

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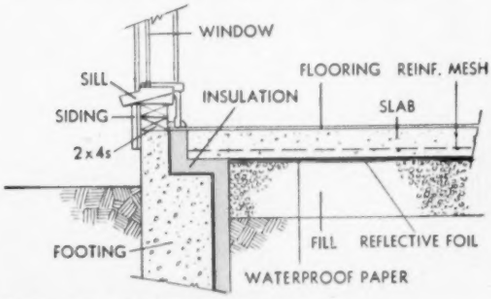
Though not large, living room is far from cramped. Use of glass contributes to feeling of spaciousness, as does the open ceiling. Fireplace dominates wall, is nicely scaled

Sectional diagram of slab construction



Gorgeous Gloxinias

give you thrilling color—don't overlook them

Photographs: Lisanti

By Leslie MacRae

If you've ever dreamed of finding treasure—gloxinias are that kind of dream come true. There's no explaining why it took the introduction of some new hybrids recently to waken most indoor gardeners to their charm.

If you want to start growing gloxinias from seed, you can do that. Most of us are too impatient; we prefer making our start by buying tubers. From tubers you get flowers sooner than you do when starting from seeds, offsets from a friend's plant, or by rooting leaves.

But the choice is yours.

Modern gloxinias are wonderfully big. They've come a long way from the tight, small blooms your great-grandmother may have cherished. And how they produce! From a thriving plant you may get as many as 30—even 40—wide-open bells of glorious color.

And if you give them what they need, you can save your gloxinias from year to year, store them easily as dormant tubers. Requirements are slightly elastic. Gloxinias resent drafts, do best where there's humidity in the air and the temperature stays in the 60s. They need good light but cannot stand sunscalding.

Gloxinias need room. The big hairy leaves can stand no more bumping or rough handling than can those of their close relatives—the African-violets. Leaves on different plants also vary in size. Some can be covered with the hand of a 5-year-old child. Some may grow to 10 inches across and 14 long. All are highly decorative.

See pages 26 and 86 for growing tips

Gloxinia plants add real glamour

You can have a show to equal this—even outshine it—without much care. Gloxinias bloom for weeks on end as buds unfold. Flowers come in solid colors, bordered with white, or finely dotted with rich violet, red, or a deep and brilliant blue. Some reach five inches across

If you are successful with African-violets, you can easily grow gloxinias

While you'll find that both African-violets and gloxinias will grow well in soils mixed to different proportions, all recipes add up to an open porous soil. Basic elements are good garden topsoil, sand, and leafmold or fine peat.

Mix well approximately 3 parts of topsoil with 1 part sand, and 2 of the finely broken peat or leafmold. Charcoal bits are optional.

Like African-violets, gloxinias grow and look their best when kept where there is good, strong light but where no burning sun strikes their leaves or crisps the edges of their flowers.

For gloxinias an east window is splendid. Or, if you want them where the sun pours in at noon, have a curtain, a slat or bamboo blind you can lower, when needed to break the heat.

Gloxinias need careful watering, just as their popular relatives do. Keep water off the large hairy leaves and avoid ring spots.

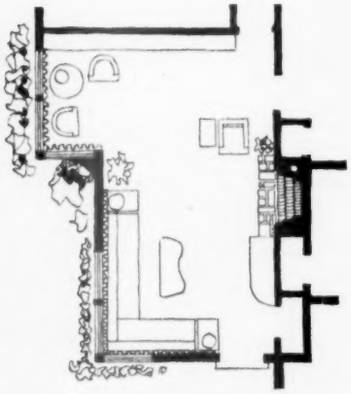
Use tepid water except on cold days, when really warm water can be poured on soil or into saucers. Never pour water over or into the furry gloxinia crowns.

Though you'll need a larger container for it, gloxinias are just as easy to increase by rooting leaves as African-violets are.

Suspend each leaf with only its stem in water. Or you can prop up the leaf, its stem buried, in wet sand or vermiculite. See page 116 for pictured directions on how to cut the leaves, how to handle whole rooting process.

The Ruenzels are sold on Contemporary furnishings

Impatient with halfway measures, they made the things they couldn't afford. Don designed the coffee table; he also built end tables for radio and record-player. Ruth stitched couch covers, bolsters, and draperies, care and patience substituting for skill. To see details of end tables, lamps, and bolsters, turn to page 105.



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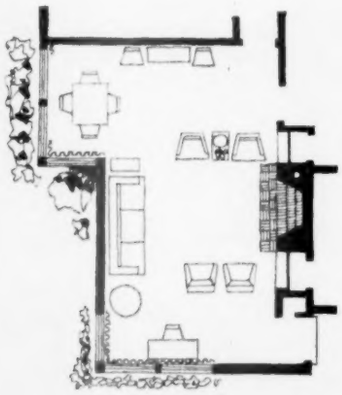
Same room at Howells' has a sophisticated air

The scheme of light pinks and greens with strong black accents, is taken from the wallpaper used only on the fireplace wall. There were no bookshelves in the original blueprints, but Richard Howell, Jr., built them in. In the mirror, you see reflection of dining alcove, with rattan table and chairs, and bamboo blinds at the window.



Stretch your decorating dollar

Trying to get individuality on a budget? Do your own interior work, to earn money for the furniture and "extras" you want

By Florence Byerly

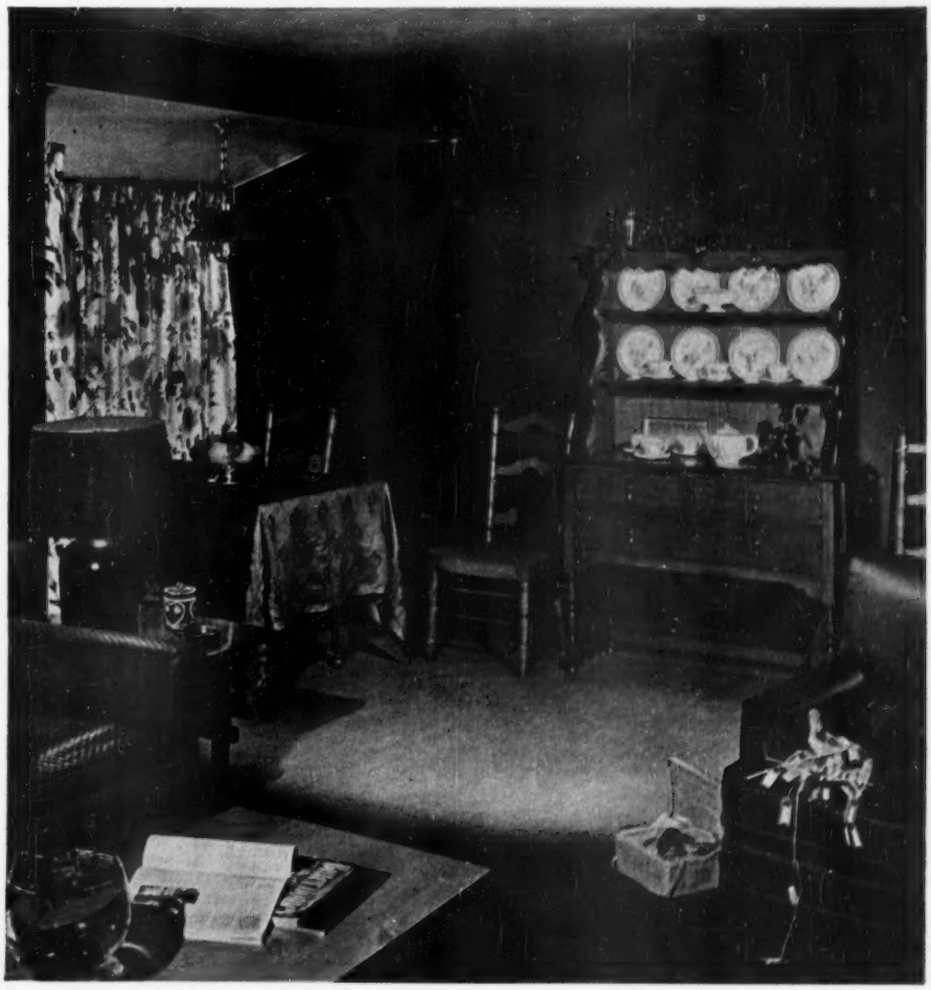
Here's how three families got individuality in their homes *because* they were trying to save money.

Just as they did, you can lick the "subdivision look"—and you won't have to take a sideswipe at your pocketbook to do it, even to the finishing touches.

The three homes shown here are part of a builder's development in Milwaukee—a project that includes dozens of homes with identical floor plans. The new owners moved in before the homes were finished. They invested their own time and talents, did all the interior finishing themselves. That's where they stopped the mass-produced look. And that's how they saved money, which they were able to use for the "extras" they wanted.

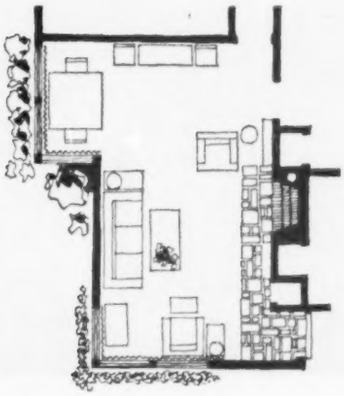
The husbands designed their own fireplace walls, did their own plastering, paper hanging, and painting. Their wives stitched slipcovers and draperies, planned color schemes, and arranged furniture.

See the results: Even though these homes are built from the same plan, they're as individual inside as the families who live in them. You can use ideas like these in your home.



At the Ulrichs', green and red offer bright contrast

Early American pine and maple furniture and strong primary colors combine in a room that's folksy and informal. Like his neighbor, Frank Ulrich turned to his workbench to make coffee and end tables. His wife sewed draperies; chintz repeats room's colors. Compare the floor plans to see different arrangements of furniture.



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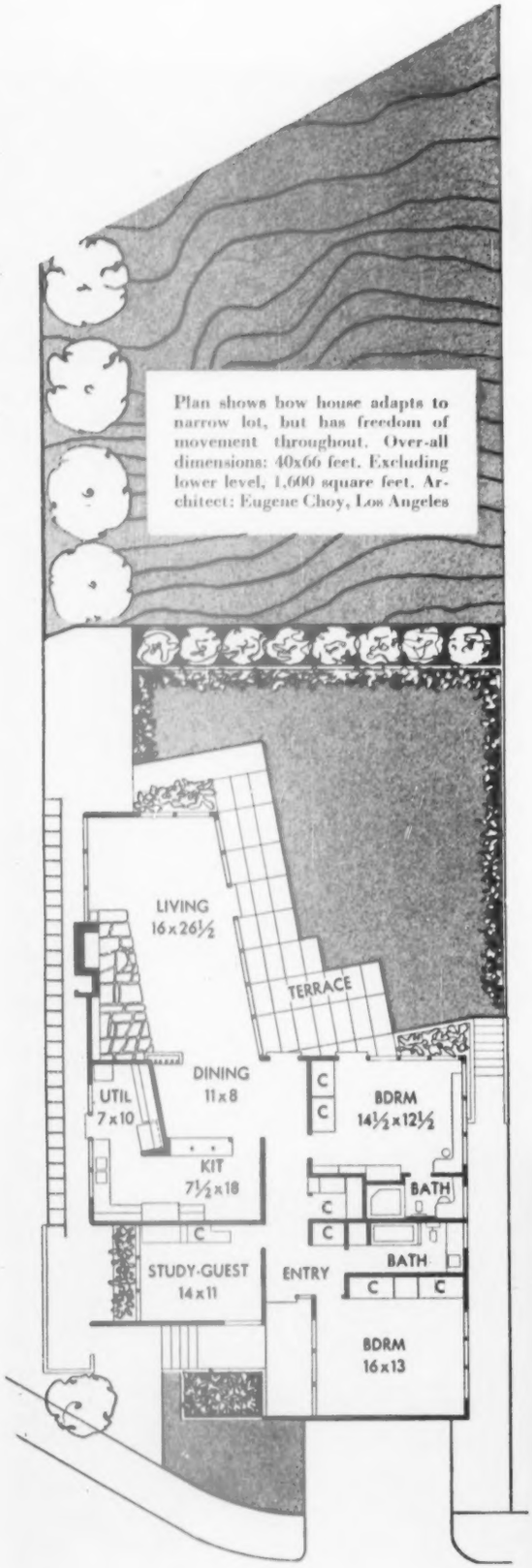
Here's the right house for a 50-foot site

By Marshall Souers, Jr.



Plan shows how house adapts to narrow lot, but has freedom of movement throughout. Over-all dimensions: 40x66 feet. Excluding lower level, 1,600 square feet. Architect: Eugene Choy, Los Angeles

There are all kinds of houses you might build on a 50-foot site. Some will fit this narrow frontage in a very comfortable and neighborly way. They'll stretch their structural elbows with expansive pride—even ramble arrogantly—but they'll be the best of neighbors, always.

Another house with the same floor space may visually burst the seams of a lot this size. It's the house that shades one neighbor's cabbages or roses, while seeming to share a garage with the people who live on the other side.

The house Architect Eugene Kinn Choy designed for his own family isn't that way. It takes all the liberties—indoor-outdoor living, open planning, three bedrooms without skimping on room size—but like a good neighbor, it knows its place.

For all the airy brightness that is brought to each room by the wealth of glass, there's privacy here that only a few 50-footers enjoy. The terrace has the same advantage—you might just as well be relaxing on a country estate.

Photographs: Shulman

Rear wall of parents' bedroom is expanse of glass, providing handsome outlook. A steep hill closes in behind, but the same privacy could be had with a tall fence if the lot were a level one.

Night lighting for terrace comes from recessed fixtures in overhang. Retaining wall at far end holds planting, stops washing during heavy rains.

Dramatic rear elevation, with sweep of glass in diagonal and end walls of the living room, shows how house is related to outdoors. Shade and shelter are provided by broad overhang, but cutaway section exposes planting area to the necessary sun and rain. Terrace privacy is maintained by louvered fences (right, and far left)

View from outdoors into the study-guest room illustrates privacy maintained even though wall is all glass. A fence lined with shrubbery breaks up side view, and extension of front wall hides windows from the street. Draperies shade the sun at noontime, also close off room during the evening. Note the awning-type windows

Big living room projects into garden area to form main indoor-outdoor link. The high strip windows allow free furniture arrangement, bring daylight in from third side of room. Fireplace has a warm mixture of materials — Roman brick, copper mantel, plywood paneling, and hearth of green native slate

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Ten glorious days in

The great Southwest

By Oren Arnold

Almost any spot in the U.S.A. offers you acceptable opportunities for some kind of vacation. But for sheer astonishment, for scenery of breathless beauty, for storybook lore, and all-round gee-whiz quality at minimum cost, point your family this year to that country we call the Southwest—Arizona and New Mexico. An average family—a Mom and Dad and two kids—can "do" the region on less than $300.

Nature tossed away her patterns and worked here unrestrained. The extremes, the contrasts, the beauty in peaks, cliffs, canyons and plains, in forests and streams, are unexcelled. Arizona alone has more national monuments than all other states combined.

The roads are superb, the accommodations top-flight. You can cut costs, if you wish, by camping; or a small box of groceries in the car can provide a picnic every noon, for both economy and fun. Train, plane, and bus services are excellent. Guided tours are to be had at extra cost, but are not essential. Roads are open the year round; but our [*Turn to page 109*

Photographs: Wilson

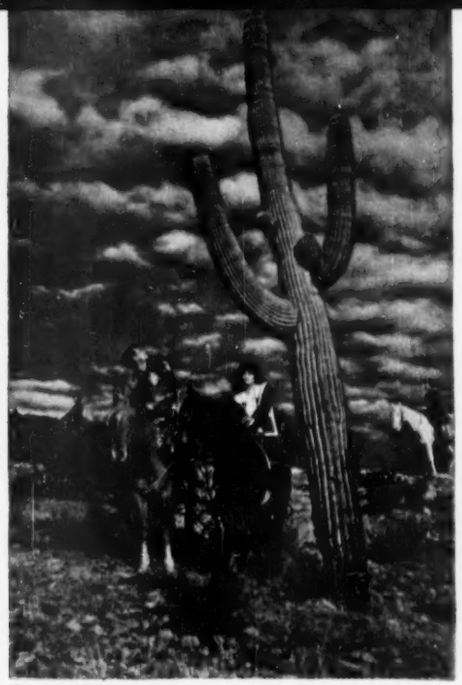
Above left. Here is a sample of the rock formations you'll see as you wind through Oak Creek Canyon. You'll find scenery like this about 8 miles north of Sedona on Alternate U. S. 89. You'll want color film here. Nowhere will you find more vivid coloring

Above right. Whether you call it Hoover or Boulder Dam, you can't afford to miss it. For a small fee you can take a tour down into the dam, walk out and look up its sheer face. Lake Mead offers motorboating through red canyons, fishing, and swimming

Left. Taos, northeast of Santa Fe, boasts one of the finest pueblos in America and the Indians will welcome you. Culture has changed very little since 1492; you'll enjoy the Indian dances. Take time out to visit the homes, noting the native costumes and the food

Where will you go next summer? It's not too early to start planning your vacation now!

Here's your chance to pick oranges and grapefruit right off the trees. The citrus-fruit industry is important around Phoenix. You'll also see lemon, olive, and apricot groves



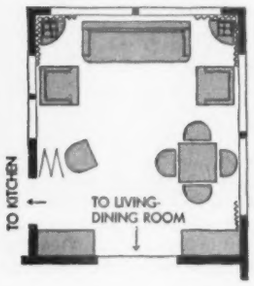
The world's largest cactus, the saguaro, grows only in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It grows tall—from 10 to 40 feet—and the blossom is Arizona's state flower

Between Prescott and Flagstaff, you'll go through one of Arizona's most colorful, best-known canyons—Oak Creek

A Navajo squaw weaves a rug while her family and visitors watch. She's using a hand loom set up outside their hogan on the reservation northeast of Winslow

This porch turned family room is only 14x16 feet. Double-glass windows, interchangeable with summer screens, make it snug and sunny in winter, breeze-cooled during hot weather.

Flip-top table, in constant use for games and study, doubles in size for dining. Bamboo furniture has practical canvas covers of orange, brown, and beige. Home of the Robert A. Harpers.



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Draperies of natural-colored monk's cloth draw across the windows for privacy when family room serves as guest room. They're sill-length, so as not to interfere with arrangement of furniture along the walls. Sofa makes into a double bed

Do you need an all-purpose room?

Plan your porch for full-time use

By Ruth W. Lee

DURING the summer months, you practically live on your porch. You can see how it takes the pressure off your living room. Suppose you could use this extra space every day, all year long? Think what it would mean to your family. You'd have that extra room you need for television, for hobbies; a room where the children can study or practice their music, play or entertain their guests when you're using the living room. Your porch can even double as a guest room when needed.

Storage cabinets house extra card tables, the boys' musical instruments, hobby equipment, and sports gear. Sewing machine slides out from cabinet at left; the expansible table is a handy surface for cutting out patterns

Winter Weather is SOUP WEATHER

3 Hot ideas for cold days

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
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BY Anne Marshall

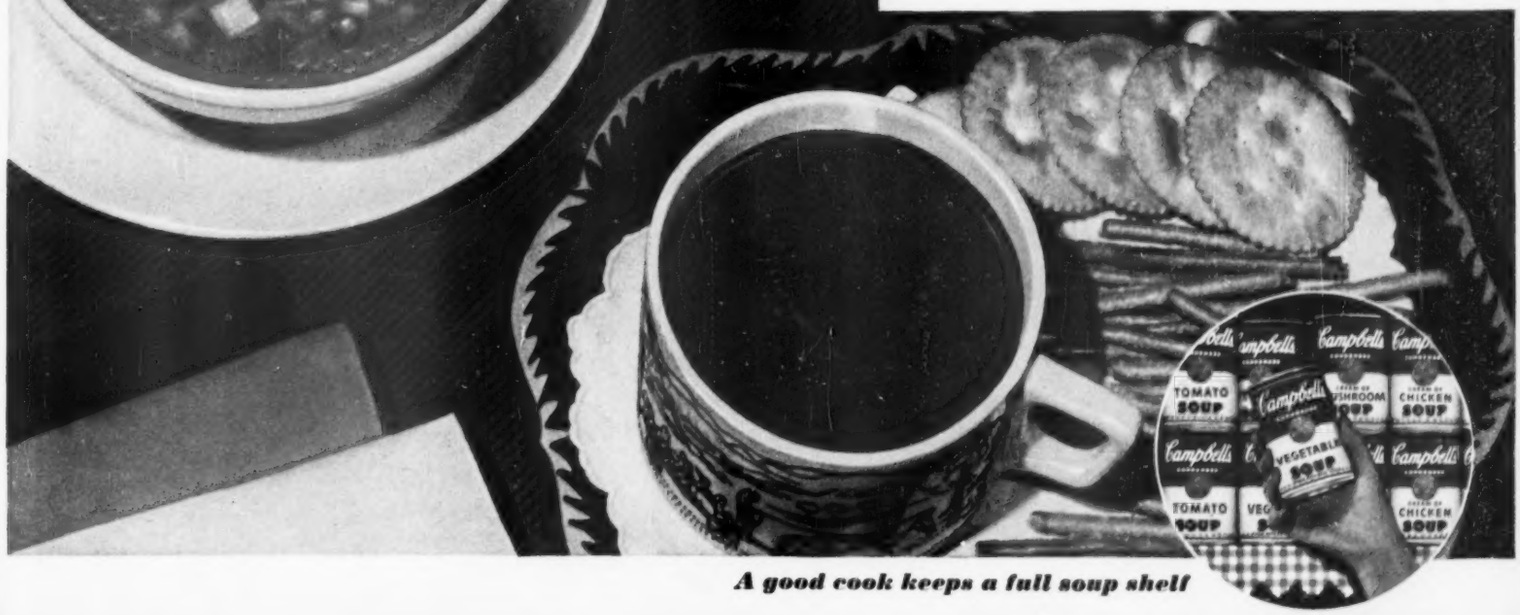
ON SHIVERY DAYS . . . when the wind whistles . . . soup is particularly appealing. The look of it . . . steam rising. The smell of it . . . fragrant and appetizing. The taste of it . . . savory and warming. That's why meals built around soup are so welcome.

Here are some cold weather soup suggestions.

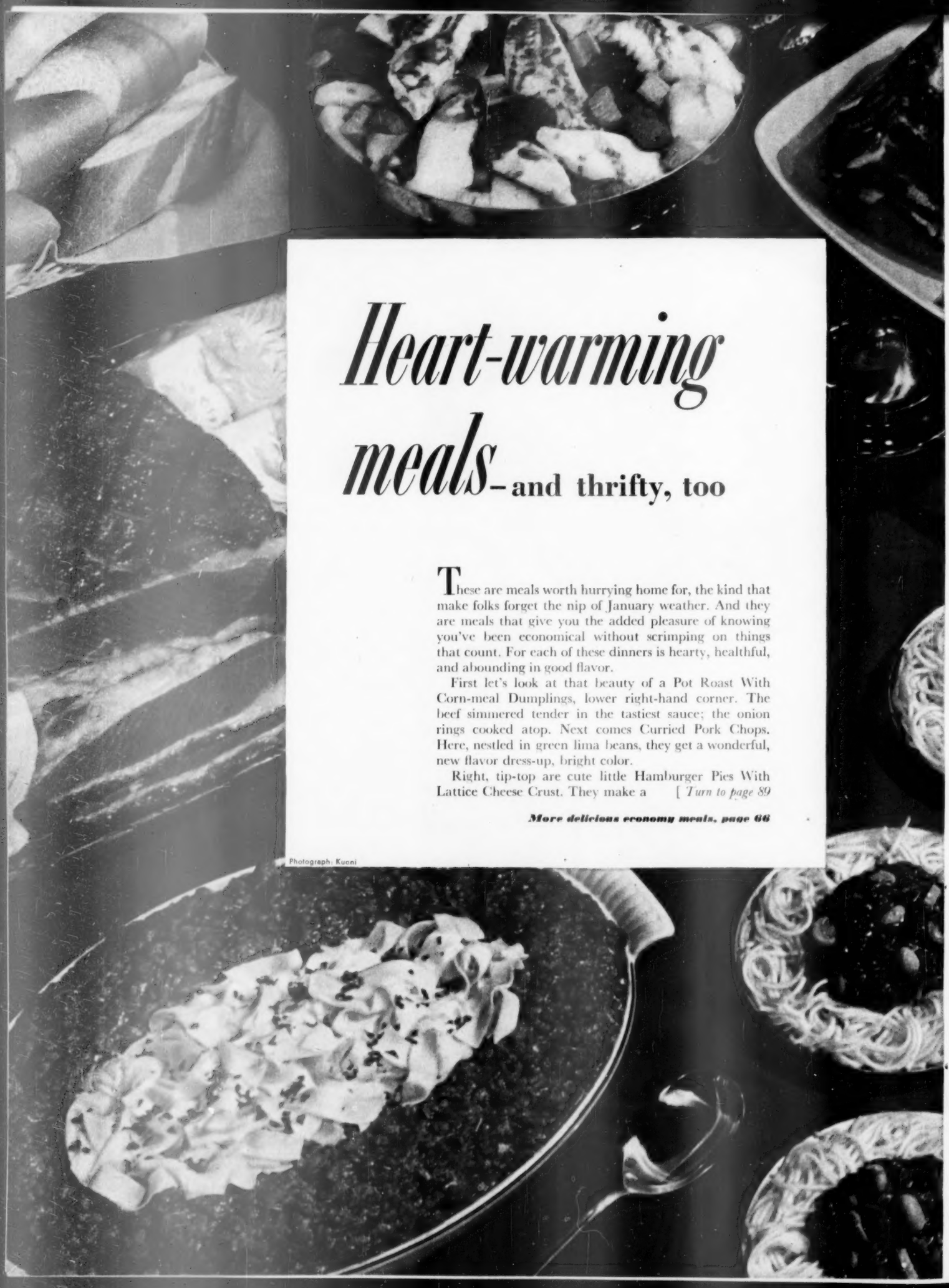
1 The piping hot Sunday Supper. Soup is one of the few main dishes which can be prepared in just four minutes. So the family chooses soup, Sundays . . . it's so easy, for mother's "night off". Cream of Chicken Soup (real down-on-the-farm soup), sandwich tray and relishes.

2 The hurry-up hot lunch. Soup's just a natural in winter. All the folks who come home cold at noon will love this kind of warm-you-fast lunch. Vegetable Soup (14 vegetables in a good beef stock), brown bread and cream cheese, ham and celery rolls. What a really *good* lunch!

3 The big steaming mug of soup. A winter afternoon special . . . quick pickup when you're chilly. Serve it with something crunchy for contrast. Tomato Soup (taste those sun-ripened tomatoes), crackers and pretzel sticks.



A good cook keeps a full soup shelf



Heart-warming meals—and thrifty, too

These are meals worth hurrying home for, the kind that make folks forget the nip of January weather. And they are meals that give you the added pleasure of knowing you've been economical without scrimping on things that count. For each of these dinners is hearty, healthful, and abounding in good flavor.

First let's look at that beauty of a Pot Roast With Corn-meal Dumplings, lower right-hand corner. The beef simmered tender in the tastiest sauce; the onion rings cooked atop. Next comes Curried Pork Chops. Here, nestled in green lima beans, they get a wonderful, new flavor dress-up, bright color.

Right, tip-top are cute little Hamburger Pies With Lattice Cheese Crust. They make a [*Turn to page 89*

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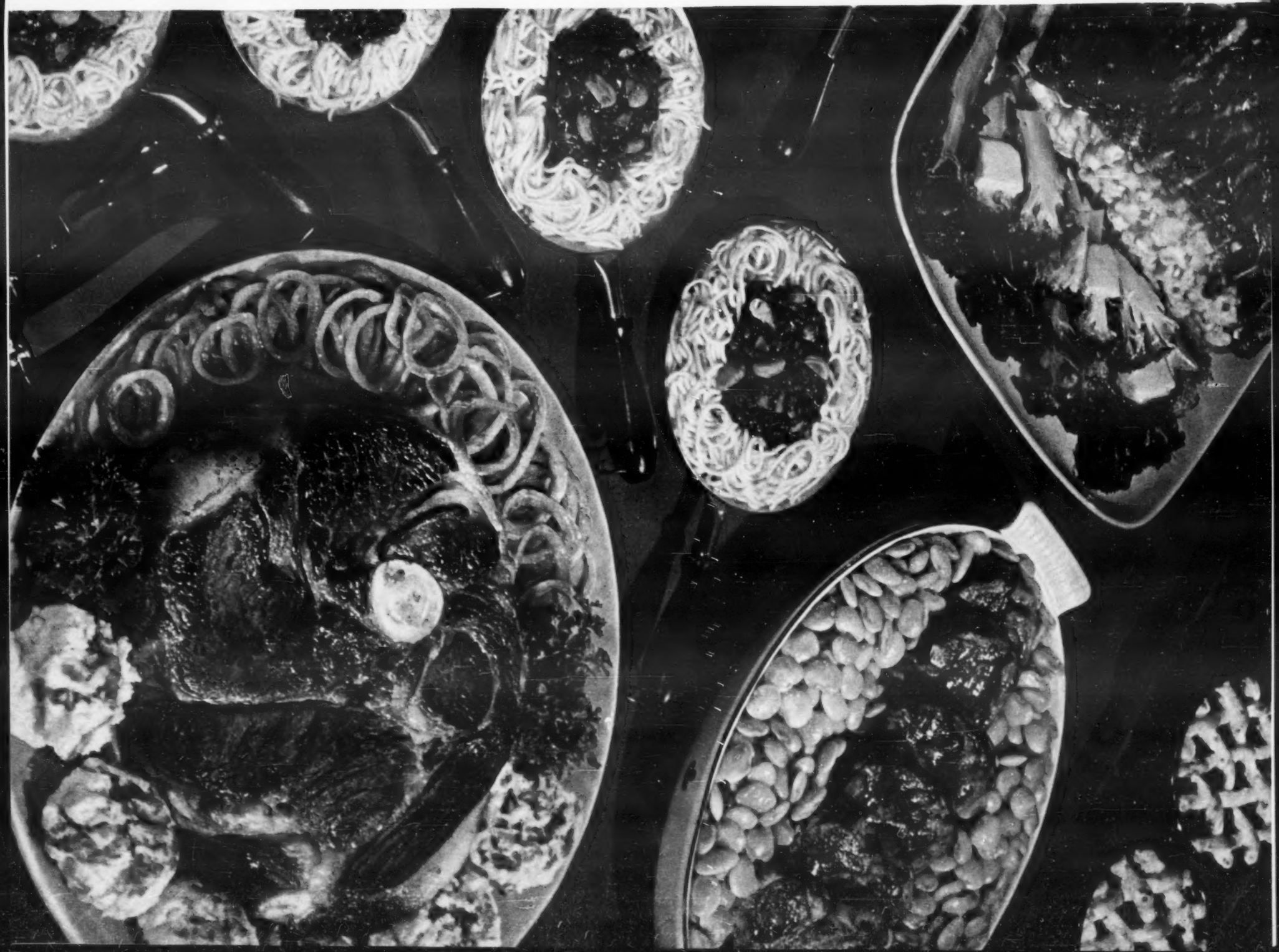

Good-to-eat moneysavers

If your food budget took a whirl during the holidays (and whose didn't?), you'll want to pull it back in line without delay. Here's how you can do it. Serve bargain meats like short ribs or beef chuck made into such delicious dishes the family won't even suspect an economy drive. And choose desserts high in flavor, low in cost.

Our first meal to save you money is the one in the picture. See the tempting Rich Brown Stew. Give it a glamorous setting, accompany it with a colorful, fruity salad, a baked pudding warm from the oven and you'll have a dinner worth talking about. Better ask guests—it's that good! More bows to the pocketbook, below.

Old Treat With Style

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Rich Brown Stew*	Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Celery (in the stew)	Orange and Green Salad* Corn Muffins	Cranberry Pin Wheels*	Coffee

Cut the vegetables even in size and don't cube the beef too small for a pretty-as-a-picture stew. Arrange the salad in a wooden bowl with endive on one side, tender little spinach leaves on the other, orange sections and onion rings down the center; toss just before serving. Save time—use one of the quick, packaged corn-muffin mixes. Bake the dessert with the muffins.

Family's Choice

Onion-sauced Short Ribs*	Yellow Hominy Whole Green Beans	Chef's Salad Bowl Brown-and-serve Rolls	Cottage Pudding Chocolate-fluff Topping	Sweet Pickles

Inexpensive short ribs in a dinner of old-time favorites. Put hot, fluffy hominy in serving dish, arrange ribs on top, pour sauce over. For your dessert, whip up a packaged cake mix and make the topping this way: Melt 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate pieces, 1/4 pound (16) quartered marshmallows in 1/3 cup cream in double boiler. Add 1/4 teaspoon vanilla; stir. Serve warm.

Almost Swedish

Meat-stuffed Cabbage Rolls*	Buttered Corn	Fruit Gelatine Mold Rye Bread	Crisp Apple Bake*	Spiced Beets* Pickled Herring Assorted Cheeses Relishes

The meat stretches a long way in the main dish, so you might splurge on the appetizers if you're having guests. These foods are very much like some popular Swedish dishes and are just right for serving in smorgasbord style. Arrange the appetizers on a large platter or divided Lazy Susan. The cabbage rolls and corn will stay hot over a table warmer or in casseroles.

Soup's On

Hearty Supper Soup* Crisp Crackers		Cabbage and Pineapple Slaw Celery-seed Dressing French Bread	Chocolate-mint Cupcakes	Olives Pickles

Chill and drain canned pineapple bits to toss with cabbage. Dressing: Add 1/2 teaspoon celery seed, 1/2 teaspoon grated onion to 1/2 cup French dressing. For Chocolate-mint Cupcakes, bake your favorite cupcakes, and while they're hot, top each with a chocolate-covered peppermint; return to oven for a minute or two. As candy melts, swirl it to give a marbled effect.

Photograph: Hopkins

Just Ummmm Good

New England Dinner*	Carrots, Potatoes, Onions, Cabbage (with meat)	Apple-Raisin Salad Hot Brown Bread	Lemon Meringue Pie	Horse-radish Sauce

Make a wonderful wintertime salad by combining 2 cups diced apples, 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1/2 cup broken California walnuts, 1/2 cup plumped raisins, and 1/4 cup salad dressing. Plump raisins by pouring hot water over them and draining thoroughly. To keep meringue from shrinking: Spread it clear to the edge of the cooled filling and seal it to edge of pastry.

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Turn page for new ways with thrifty meat loaf

Meat-loaf Roll-up is kind to the budget, looks grand on the dinner table

Make half of meat-loaf recipe. Pat into 8x11-inch rectangle. Spread on Raisin Stuffing (page 81). Roll up. Top with bacon. Bake in shallow pan in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes

Inside, an expertly seasoned stuffing. Outside, a savory meat roll. All together, it's a meat dish the family will ask for often. Rosy spiced crabapples dress up the platter. Who would guess you used only a pound of meat?

Penny-wise meat loaf— six delicious ways

By Betsy McCracken

Looking for a way to whittle down the meat budget, yet delight the family at the same time? Then plan to bake a juicy, easy-to-make meat loaf for dinner.

A meat-loaf meal is thrifty, but it doesn't have to *look* thrifty. You can tell that from the pictures. Each one of these tempting loaves starts with the same savory meat mixture. You'll find the basic recipe for our Perfect Meat Loaf on page 81. The difference comes in the way you shape it, in the adding of a tangy sauce or a well-seasoned stuffing, or in frosting the loaf with fluffy mashed potatoes. It's the little extra flourishes like these that make an everyday meal an occasion, that inspire the family to toss compliment bouquets your way. And you'll find each meat loaf seems like a brand-new treat.

For tonight, take your pick of our six tasty and distinctive meat loaves. While you have the oven on, slip in a dish of scalloped potatoes, a pot of baked beans, or a pan of big baked apples. Then dinner cooks out of the way. And you're free to fix the salad and set the table leisurely—or just plain take it easy, if you like.

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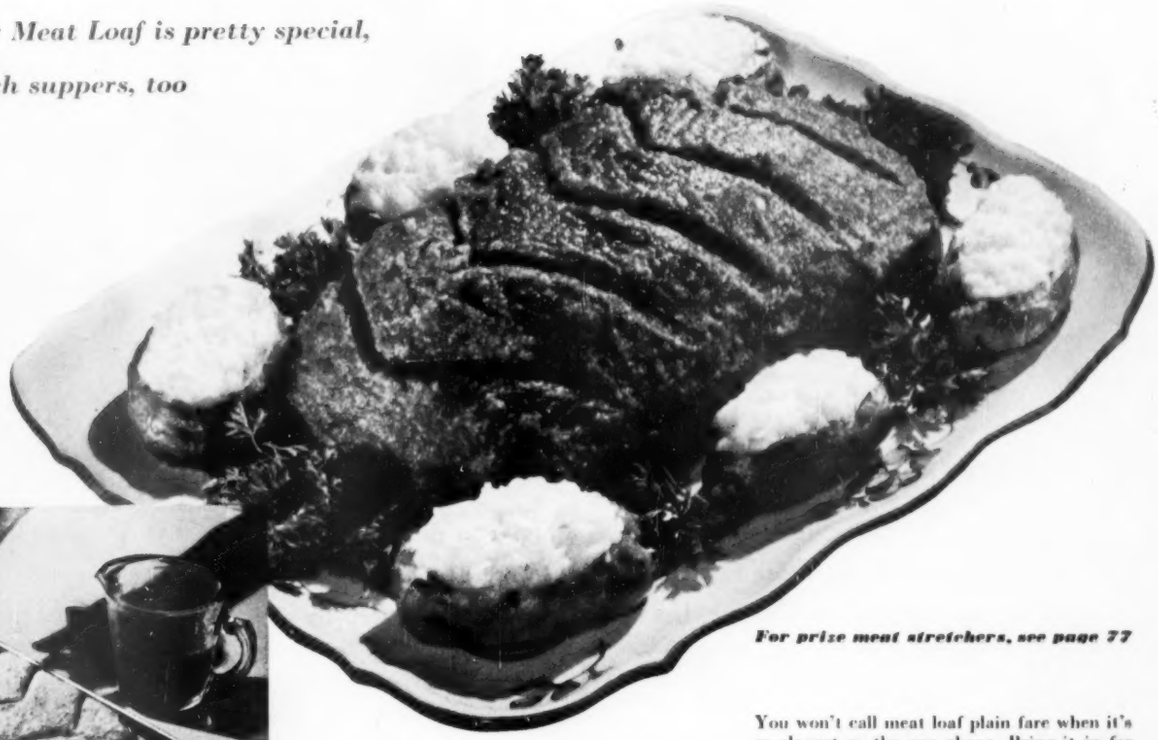
This Company Meat Loaf is pretty special, ideal for church suppers, too



For prize meat stretchers, see page 77

Shape all of meat mixture into a large loaf. Roll loaf in ¼ cup dry bread crumbs.

Place loaf in shallow baking pan. For trim, press ridges in top of loaf, herringbone style. Spread ½ cup chili sauce over. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

You won't call meat loaf plain fare when it's as elegant as the one above. Bring it in for Dad to "carve." With fluffy stuffed-baked potatoes, buttered peas, and a crisp green salad, you have a meal fit for a party.

If there's any left, you'll want to serve cold slices for luncheon sandwiches to go with bowls of hot corn chowder.

Tiny Meat Loaves look so tasty, are so easy to fix this way

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Place meat mixture in medium muffin cups. Shape tops with tines of fork. Place pan on cooky sheet, to catch drip. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Makes 12 servings

Each person helps himself to his own little loaf. We've allowed for seconds — you're sure to need them. Serve golden buttered carrots and scalloped potatoes. You'll have just the meal for a buffet supper on a cold winter night

Flavor-fresh jams— and no cooking!

By Mary Akers Kramer

IT'S June in January with these jams! You make them from frozen fruits. These easy, new recipes were developed by home economists at Purdue University. Follow the step-by-step pictures for a taste of the berry patch, blizzard or no!

Strawberry Jam—frozen fruit and liquid pectin

1 Thaw two 12-ounce packages of frozen strawberries. Put the berries through a food mill or coarse sieve, or mash them

2 Add 3½ cups sugar to the fruit. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Then let the mixture stand for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally

3 Add ½ bottle liquid fruit pectin. Stir 3 minutes. Pour into containers (see below). Let the jam stand 24 hours or till set

Or you can use powdered fruit pectin

Photographs: Kuoni

4 Follow steps 1 and 2 above. Mix 1 package powdered fruit pectin with ¾ cup water; boil 1 minute, stirring constantly

5 Add berry-sugar mixture to hot pectin; stir for 3 minutes. Notice that the fruit never cooks; all its fresh flavor is saved

6 Pour into jelly glasses, pint jars, or freezer containers. Cover; let stand 24 hours or till set. Seal and freeze or refrigerate

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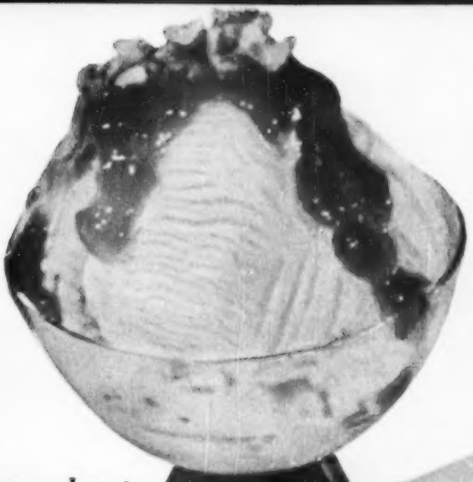
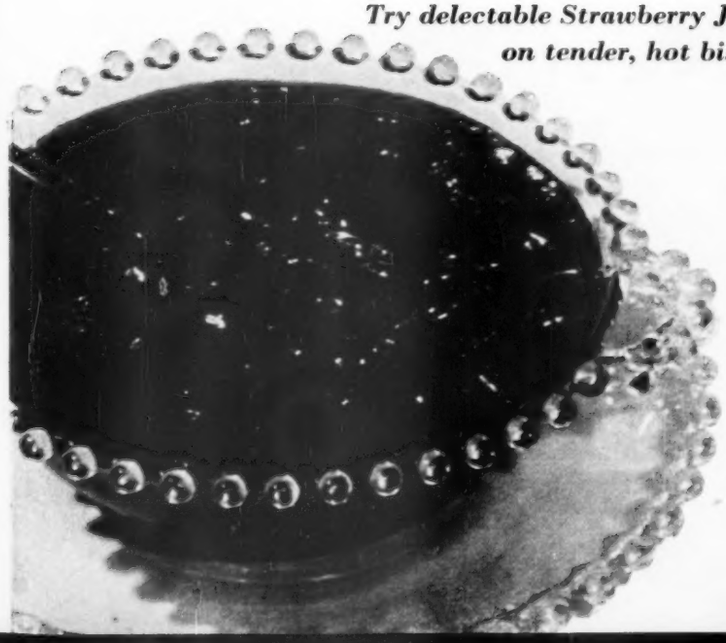
Cupcakes get a yummy frosting made with Red-raspberry Jam

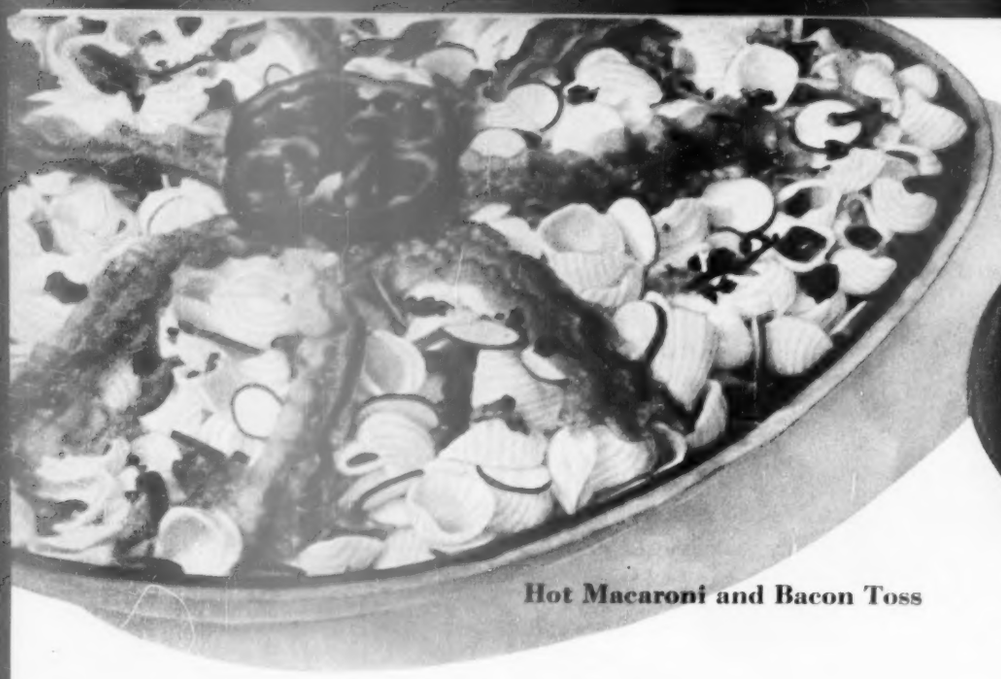


Jam and nuts fy ice cream

Fruity Cherry Jam fills a sugared jelly roll-up

Try delectable Strawberry Jam on tender, hot biscuits





Hot Macaroni and Bacon Toss

Cranberry-Marshmallow Salad

"My mother used to make the best salads"

By Fae Huttenlocher

You can count on these old-fashioned favorites to put a spark of freshness in wintertime meals. No fancy ingredients needed. Look over the page, and you'll see the fruits and vegetables most plentiful in your market now, the ones that cost the least.

It's Mother's combinations that made her salads unforgettably delicious. Crunchy apples with crisp cabbage shreds. Marshmallows to sweeten the tang of cranberries or orange sections. Golden pineapple and carrots in shimmering gelatine.

Garnish your salads like Mother's, too. Make the most of frost-white apple slices edged with rosy red, yellow, or green; of onion rings, vivid cherries, salad vegetables in brilliant colors.

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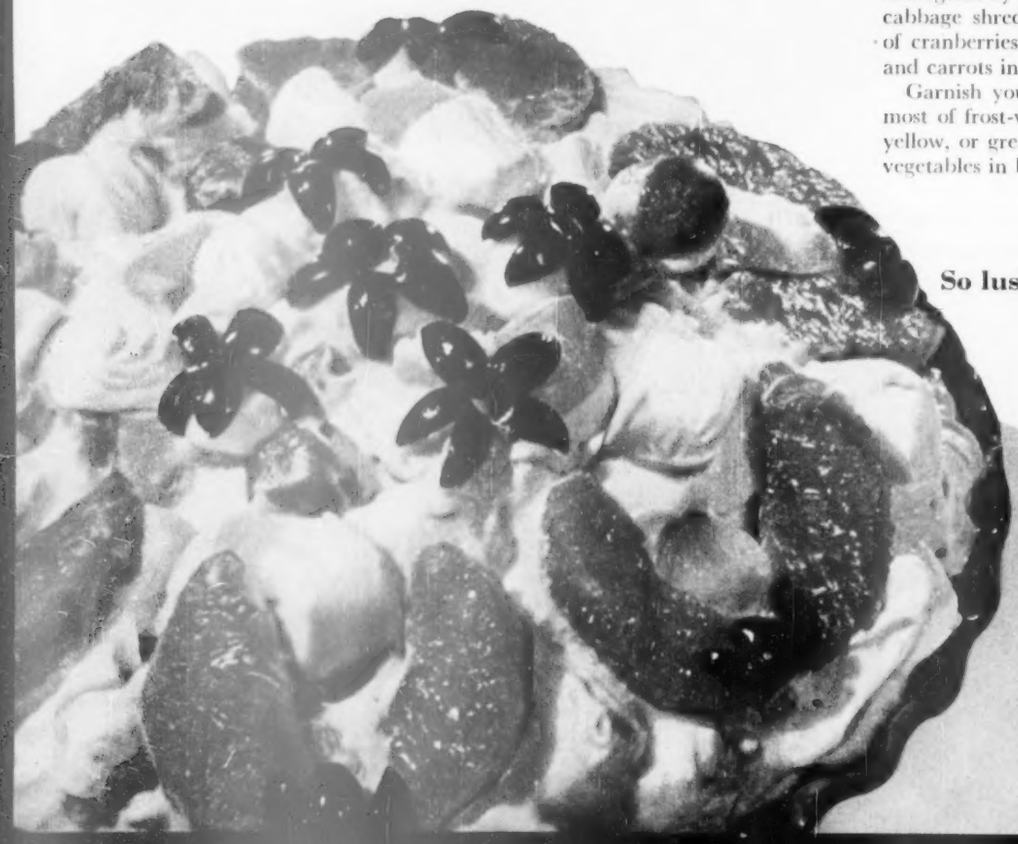

So luscious —Twenty-four-hour Salad

Pineapple-Gelatine Squares

Hearty Country-kitchen Salad

Bright and tangy
Calico Cabbage Salad

Crisp Winter Salad Bowl,
gay with carrot roses

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1½ cup cooked shrimp	1 cup water	2 tsp. chili powder

Saute celery and onions in fat 'til brown. Stir in flour, add seasonings and water. Cook 15 min. Add tomatoes, peas, vinegar, sugar. Continue cooking slowly for 30 min., adding water as necessary. Add shrimp and heat. Mold rice either in cones or ring and surround with Shrimp Creole. Serves seven.

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The best salads

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Cranberry-Marshmallow Salad

Yummy enough to double as dessert—

- ½ pound (2 cups) fresh cranberries
- 1 apple, pared and cored
- ¼ pound (about 16) marshmallows, cut small
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped
- 6 drained, canned pineapple slices
- Lettuce

Put the cranberries and apple through food chopper, using medium blade. Add marshmallows and sugar; mix well. Let stand overnight in refrigerator. Just before serving, fold in whipped cream. Place pineapple ring on lettuce leaf and top with spoonful of cranberry mixture. Makes 6 servings.

Twenty-four-hour Salad

Fruity, marshmallowy, absolutely delicious! Try it and see—

- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons pineapple syrup
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- Dash salt
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 2 cups drained, canned pitted white cherries
- 2 cups drained pineapple bits
- 2 oranges, peeled, sectioned, cut in pieces
- 24 marshmallows, cut in thirds

Cook egg yolks, sugar, vinegar, pineapple syrup, butter, and salt in double boiler until thick, stirring constantly. Cool. Fold in whipped cream, fruit, and marshmallows. Chill 24 hours. Decorate top with orange sections and maraschino cherries if desired. Makes 6 or 8 servings.

Pineapple-Gelatine Squares

Favorite of church socials. Don't forget it when you want a make-ahead salad—

- 1 3-ounce package lemon-flavored gelatine
- 1 cup hot water
- Pineapple syrup plus water to make 1 cup
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup grated raw carrot
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) crushed pineapple, drained
- ⅓ cup broken pecans

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add pineapple syrup and water, vinegar, and ¼ teaspoon salt. Chill until slightly thickened. Season carrots with ¼ teaspoon salt; add pineapple and nuts. Fold into gelatine mixture. Turn into 10x6x 1½-inch pan. Chill until firm. Cut in squares and serve on lettuce. Makes 6 servings.

Country-kitchen Salad

- 1 cup cooked whole green beans
- 1 cup cooked carrot strips
- ½ cup French dressing
- ½ bunch curly endive
- 1 cup cooked ham, cut in strips
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced

Marinate green beans and carrots in French dressing for 2 hours. Tear endive into salad bowl. Arrange marinated vegetables and ham in spoke fashion on top; center with ring of egg slices. Just before serving, add Nippy Mayonnaise Dressing and toss. Makes 6 servings. **Nippy Mayonnaise Dressing:** Mix the following ingredients together thoroughly: ½ cup mayonnaise, 1½ teaspoons prepared mustard, 1½ teaspoons horseradish, and 2 slices cucumber pickle, chopped.

Calico Cabbage Salad

A radiant color scheme—red and green with white trim—

- 1 medium onion
- 2 cups shredded green cabbage
- 2 cups shredded red cabbage
- 2 small unpared apples, cut in slices
- ½ cup salad oil
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon salt

Slice half of onion into rings; chop other half. Combine chilled green and red cabbage shreds with chopped onion in large salad bowl. Arrange row of chilled sliced apples and onion rings on top. Combine salad oil, vinegar, celery seed, and salt. Just before serving, pour over salad and toss. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Winter Salad Bowl

Mother's special apple-vegetable combination in gay attire—

- ½ head lettuce
- 2 tart red apples, sliced
- 2 cups grated carrot
- 1½ cups chopped celery
- 1 cup cooked green beans
- ½ cup green-pepper strips
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish

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- ½ cup vinegar
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 clove garlic, crushed

Break lettuce in pieces; add apples, vegetables, and relish. Chill. Combine vinegar, sugar, salad oil, and garlic; add just before serving and toss. Garnish with pepper rings, carrot roses, and a bright red apple cut with a zigzag edge (see picture, page 73). Makes 6 servings.

Hot Macaroni and Bacon Toss

A hearty tempter for a cold day—

- 1 7-ounce package shell or elbow macaroni
- 6 slices bacon, diced
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon prepared mustard
- ⅓ cup salad dressing
- ½ cup sliced radishes
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped parsley

Cook macaroni in boiling, salted water till tender; drain. Fry bacon until crisp; drain on paper towels. Add vinegar, onion, and seasonings to 1 tablespoon hot bacon fat. Heat to boiling. Add drained, hot macaroni and remaining ingredients; toss. Garnish with green-pepper rings and crisp bacon strips, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

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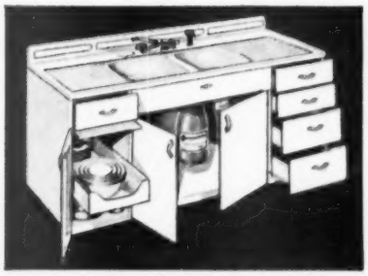

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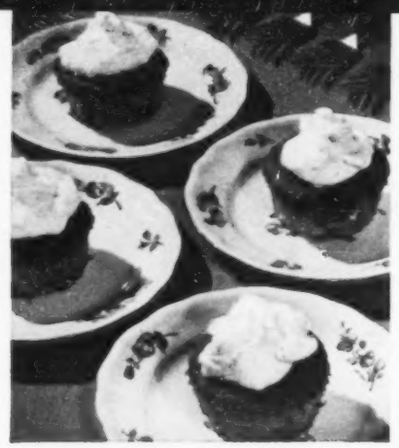

Apple-Spice Cupcakes

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
2 cups cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon allspice
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup chopped apple
½ cup chopped seedless raisins
½ cup chopped California walnuts
½ cup cold double-strength coffee

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add vanilla and eggs; beat well. Sift dry ingredients; mix with fruits and nuts. Add alternately with coffee. Fill paper-lined cupcake pans ½ full. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 25 to 30 minutes. Makes about 20 cupcakes. Serve with whipped cream.—*Mrs. A. S. Morton, Bay City, Texas.*

Fudge Cupcakes

⅔ cup brown sugar
⅓ cup milk
2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
⅓ cup shortening
⅔ cup brown sugar
2 beaten eggs
1⅓ cups enriched flour
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat ⅔ cup brown sugar, ⅓ cup milk, and chocolate in double boiler till chocolate is melted. Cool. Thoroughly cream shortening and ⅔ cup brown sugar. Add eggs; beat well. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with ½ cup milk. Add vanilla and chocolate mixture. Fill paper-lined cupcake pans ½ full. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 20 minutes. Makes about 18 cupcakes. Frost tops with **Chocolate Glaze:** Heat ¼ cup water, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ teaspoon vanilla, and two 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate; stir till melted. Add 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar. Beat till of spreading consistency. —*Mrs. Raymond E. Boller, Oak Harbor, Ohio.*

MEAT STRETCHERS

Banana Cupcakes

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
2¼ cups cake flour
2½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon soda
1 cup mashed ripe banana
¼ cup buttermilk

Cream shortening, sugar, vanilla. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with banana and buttermilk. Fill paper-lined cupcake pans ½ full. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 20 minutes. Makes 20 cupcakes. Frost with **Butter Cream:** Cream ¼ cup butter, 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 tablespoons cream; beat.—*Mrs. Lamar Leach, Fredonia, Texas.*

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Meats

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Meat-ball Skillet Dinner

Has the wonderful flavor of creamy beef stroganoff—

1 7-ounce package spaghetti
1 pound ground beef
2 tablespoons fat
½ cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup evaporated milk
1½ tablespoons vinegar
1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed tomato soup
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
6 to 8 drops Tabasco sauce
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper

Cook spaghetti in boiling, salted water till tender; drain. Form ground beef into 1-inch balls; roll in flour. Brown in hot fat. Add onion and garlic; cook till golden. Combine milk and vinegar; mix with spaghetti, soups, and seasonings; pour over meat balls. Cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Makes 8 to 10 servings. —*L. Don Potts, Knoxville, Tennessee.*

Tuna-Rice Special

Keep the ingredients on your emergency shelf for a hurry-up dinner—

- 1 cup rice
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 2½ cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ½ cup sliced stuffed olives
- 3 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 1 3-ounce can (¾ cup) broiled mushrooms
- 1 6½- or 7-ounce can (1 cup) tuna

Put rice, bouillon cubes, water, and seasonings into a heavy 3-quart saucepan. Add celery, olives, green pepper, mushrooms plus liquid, and tuna. Cover tightly and bring to a boil. Turn heat down and simmer for 20 minutes. Garnish with green-pepper rings, if desired. Makes 6 to 8 servings. —*Elsie Pearson, San Francisco, California.*

Macaroni and Beef Bake

"Another helping, please"—

- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 cups cubed, cooked beef
- 2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle
- 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) tomatoes
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- ½ cup grated American cheese

Cook onion and celery in butter till golden. Add meat, pickle, and tomatoes; simmer 15 minutes. Add seasonings. Cook macaroni in boiling, salted water; drain. Combine meat mixture and macaroni. Put in 1½-quart casserole. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese; bake 15 minutes more. Makes 6 servings. —*Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Chicago, Illinois.*

Tasty Ham Casserole

Leftover meat makes a comeback delicious enough for a company buffet—

- ½ 8-ounce package noodles
- 3 cups cooked ground ham
- 2 cups sour cream
- ½ cup crushed corn flakes
- 1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine

Cook noodles in boiling, salted water; drain. Combine cooked noodles, ham, and sour cream. Pour into 1½-quart casserole. Combine corn flakes and butter; sprinkle over ham mixture. Place in a pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 servings.—*Mrs. Irene Verginack, Detroit, Michigan.*

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Lemon-Coconut Cupcakes

- ⅓ cup butter or margarine
- ⅔ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1¼ cups cake flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons milk

Thoroughly cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and lemon peel. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with lemon juice and milk. Fill greased or paper-lined cupcake pans ½ full. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 20 to 25 minutes. Makes about 12 cupcakes. Frost with **Seven-minute Frosting:** Combine 2 egg whites, 1½ cups sugar, 1½ teaspoons light corn syrup, ⅓ cup cold water, and a dash of salt in double boiler. Beat 1 minute with electric or rotary beater. Place over boiling water; beat constantly until frosting forms peaks, about 7 minutes. Remove from boiling water. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla; beat until of spreading consistency. Spread on cupcakes. Sprinkle with coconut.—*Mary A. Lally, Golden's Bridge, New York.*

A treat with meat or for dessert!

CRISCO'S PINEAPPLE FRITTERS
(Makes 4 servings)

1 cup sifted flour	1 tablespoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt	1 beaten egg
1 teaspoon baking powder	¼ cup milk
1 cup drained, crushed pineapple	1 tablespoon melted Crisco
	Crisco for deep frying

All Measurements Level: Combine flour, salt, sugar and baking powder in bowl. Mix together the beaten egg, milk, melted Crisco and pineapple. Lightly stir into dry ingredients. Do not over-mix. Drop from a teaspoon into deep Crisco heated to 365°F. (or when an inch square of bread browns in 60 seconds). If teaspoon is dipped into hot fat before dipping into fritter batter, the batter will slip off the spoon more easily, and the fritters will have a more uniform shape. Fry until brown and cooked in center (3 to 5 minutes). Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired.

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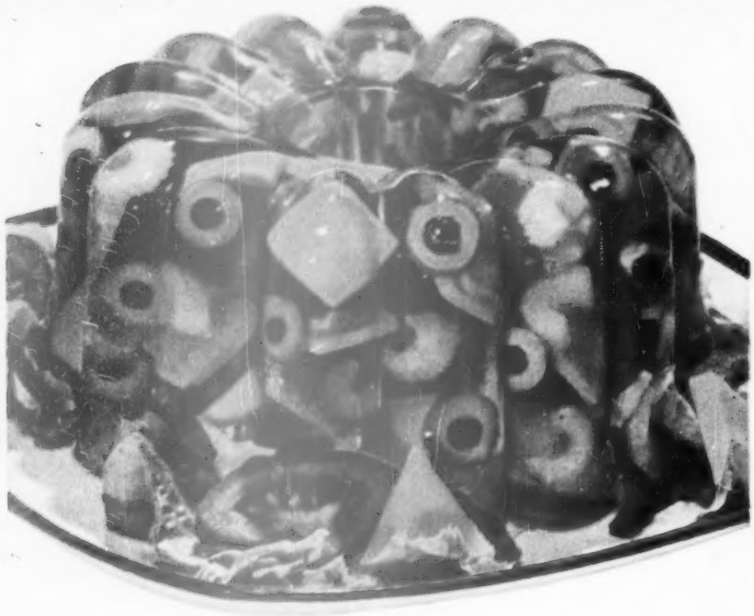

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2 tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon grated onion
3 ounces processed cheese, cut into small squares
½ cup diced celery
1 tablespoon sliced stuffed olives

Dissolve Jell-O in *hot* water. Add cold water, vinegar, and onion. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in remaining ingredients. Turn into 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve on crisp lettuce. Garnish with tomato wedges and cheese cubes. Makes 6 servings.

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Penny-wise meat loaf—

Frosty Meat Loaf is a family favorite

Place meat-loaf mixture in 8½x4½x2½-inch loaf pan to shape. Turn out in shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 55 minutes.

Frost with Duchess Potatoes. Bake in a very hot oven (450°) 15 minutes or until the potatoes are lightly browned. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

You get a slice of delicious meat loaf and mashed potatoes all in one serving. Add a cooked vegetable and dessert—your meal is complete. Looks fancy, but it's easy to make. Easy on the family pocketbook!

Crusty Meat Loaves have a golden finish

Divide the meat mixture in fourths. Press each fourth into a 4½x3x2-inch loaf pan.

Turn out and roll in ⅔ cup crushed corn flakes.

Place in loaf pan again to square corners. Bake on shallow baking pan in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. The recipe makes 4 small loaves; will serve 8 generously.

A quartet of little loaves with lots of flavor. Outside's crisp toasted corn flakes, extra crusty. Sprigs of green water cress make the perky trim. Serve these meat loaves with creamed potatoes, buttered broccoli, a tossed chef's salad. For dessert have apple pie, a la mode

six delicious ways

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Barbecued Hamburger Ring is a beauty

Put meat mixture in 8½-inch ring mold. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes.

Turn out in shallow baking pan; drizzle with Barbecue Sauce. Bake in very hot oven (450°) 15 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

You'll like that old-time, baked-in barbecue flavor.

The spicy sauce gives the ring its glistening red finish, its zippy flavor. Fill center with sunny corn and bring to the table while the sauce is still sizzling. Good looking and good to eat! Your dinner is bound to be a success with this handsome main dish to feast upon

Perfect Meat Loaf

Start with this delightfully seasoned mixture to make variations pictured—

- 1½ pounds ground beef
- ½ pound ground pork
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- 4 slices soft bread, cubed
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Mix meats thoroughly; add onion, celery, and seasonings. Soak bread cubes in milk; add eggs and Worcestershire sauce; beat with rotary beater. Combine meats and egg mixture and form in a loaf; place in baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 1 hour. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Raisin Stuffing

(For Meat-loaf Roll-up, page 68)

A fruity filling the family'll like—

Mix thoroughly 1½ cups dry bread crumbs, ¼ cup seedless raisins, 2 tablespoons chopped celery, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, ¼ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon sage, dash pepper, and ½ to ¾ cup water. (Note: Meat-loaf Roll-up makes 6 to 8 servings.)

Duchess Potatoes

(For Frosty Meat Loaf, on the opposite page)

Beat 3 egg yolks; add with dash of paprika to 5 cups seasoned mashed potatoes. Beat well.

Barbecue Sauce

(For Barbecued Hamburger Ring you see above)

Mince 1 clove garlic; brown in 1 tablespoon salad oil. Add ½ cup tomato sauce, 2 tablespoons honey, 2 tablespoons vinegar, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, and dash oregano. Simmer 40 minutes or until thick.

Corn Medley

(For Barbecued Hamburger Ring you see above)

Delicious vegetable fix-up for family or company meals—

- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ⅓ cup butter or margarine
- 2 10-ounce packages frozen corn
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cook green pepper and onion in butter till onion is golden. Add frozen corn (no water); *cover*, and cook over medium heat till corn is tender, 3 or 4 minutes. Stir once while cooking to separate kernels. Serve in center of Barbecued Hamburger Ring.

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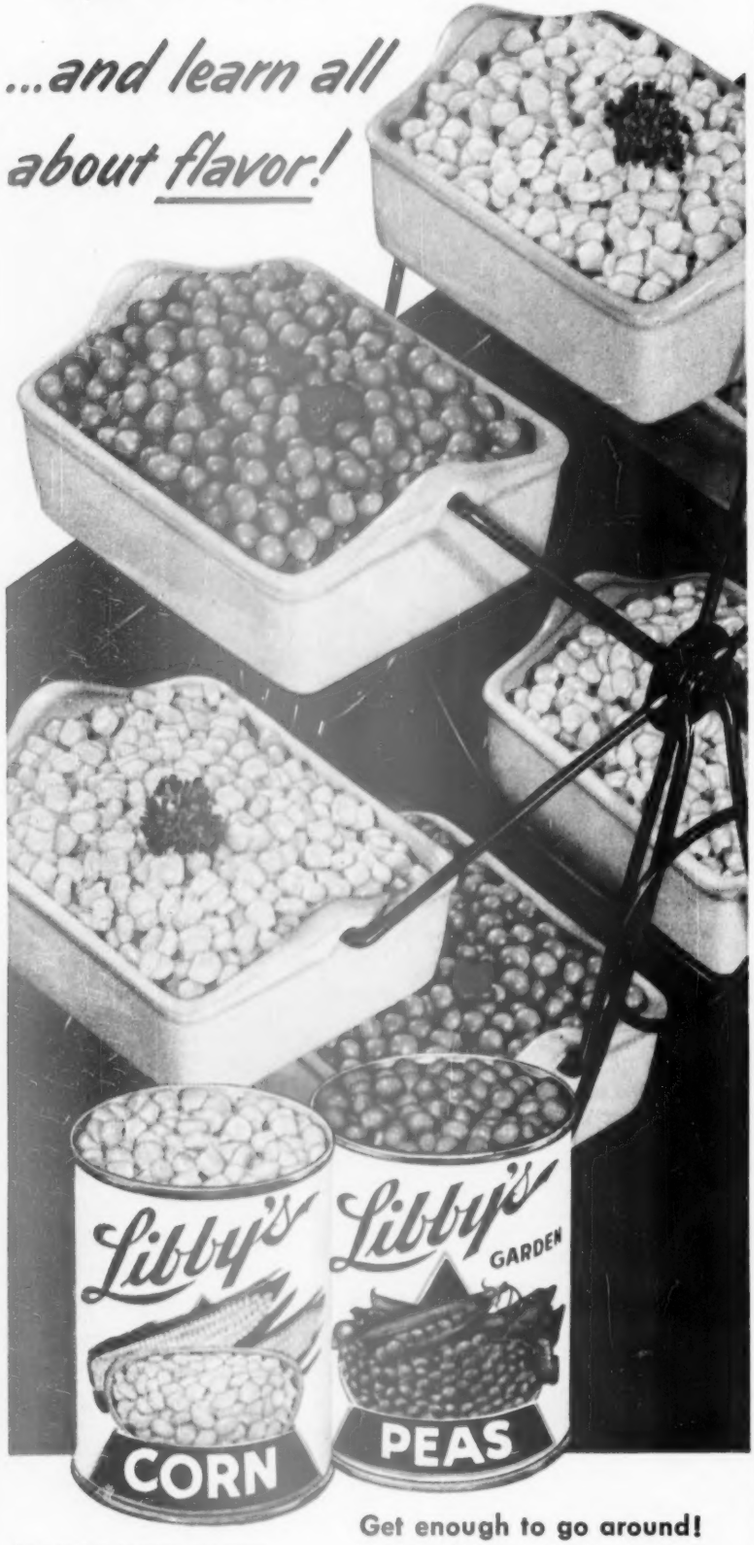

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Make a big kitchen pay

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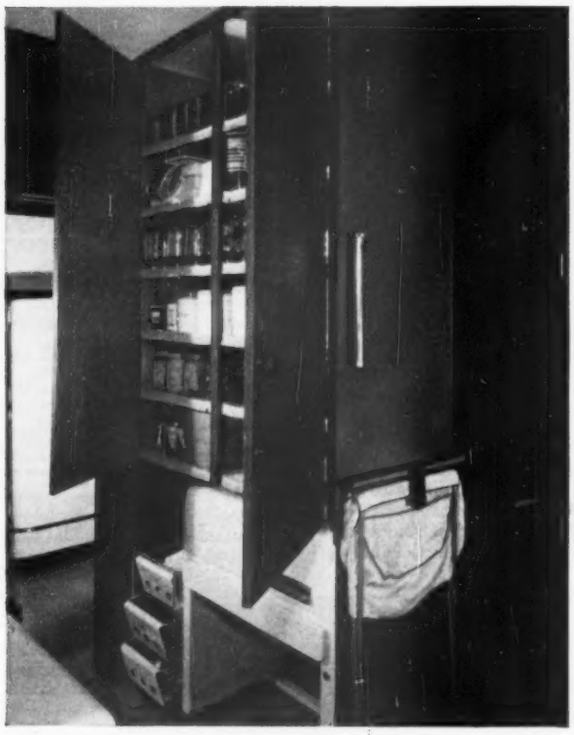
Baking zips along at this counter. Pans fit in adjustable file in cabinet above. Below are drawer-bins for flour, sugar; drawers for mixing bowls. Shelves hold labeled jars—prunes, dried beans, cornstarch; cereal, crackers go in the top cabinet, canned foods in bottom one

Recessed shelves house goblets, tumblers; studs serve as dividers. Sliding glass doors reveal the neat array. The cabinets high above are shallow, but just right for tall vases, table decorations. Below are stored the fire extinguisher, vacuum bottles, and other bulkies

storage dividends

Drawers at right are so long they extend to dishwasher, use corner waste space in kitchen (page 42). They're for silver serving dishes and are lined with cloth that prevents tarnish. Drawers for knives, forks are lined, too. The special shelves (center) keep the linens neat



Clip holds laundry cart against wall. Above are rods for ironed clothes; board fits at right. Vegetable bin is next to ironer. Hand iron stores on shelf of the canning and freezing supply closet, above

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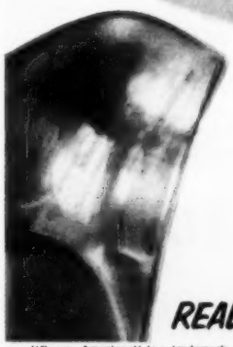
1 tsp. minced parsley — 1/4 tsp. salt
dash pepper

Combine ¾ cup gravy with the other ingredients. Chill. Shape into croquettes; roll in beaten egg, then in bread crumbs. Brown in hot shortening; heat remaining gravy and serve. Makes 6 croquettes.



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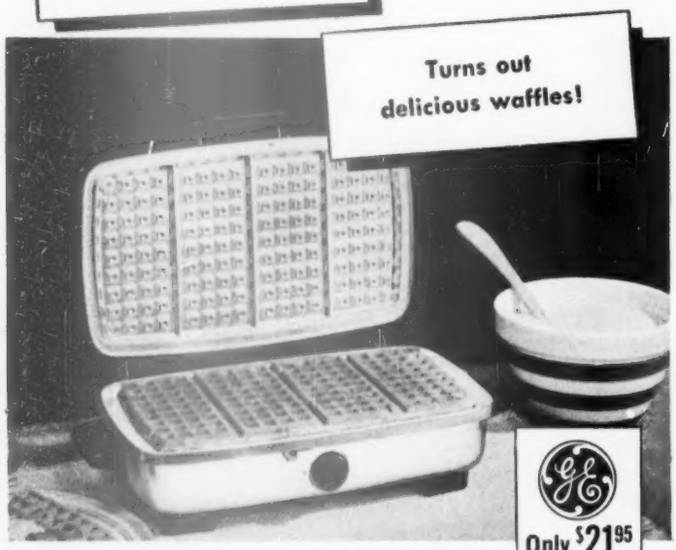

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Rich Brown Stew

This one is as good-looking as it is delicious!—

- 2 pounds beef chuck, cut in 1½-inch cubes
- 4 cups boiling water
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- Dash allspice or cloves
- 6 small carrots, cut in thirds
- 4 medium potatoes, cut in half
- ½ pound (9 to 12) small white onions
- 1 cup 1-inch celery lengths

Thoroughly brown meat on all sides in hot fat; add water, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, bay leaves, and seasonings. Cover and simmer 2 hours; stir occasionally to keep from sticking. Remove bay leaves; add carrots, potatoes, onions, and celery. Continue cooking 20 to 30 minutes or until vegetables are done. Remove meat and vegetables; thicken liquid for gravy. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Orange and Green Salad

Seems like a bit of spring in a winter meal—

- ¼ bunch curly endive
- ¼ pound fresh spinach
- 2 large oranges, peeled and sectioned
- ½ large mild onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic
- 6 tablespoons salad oil
- 2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika

Tear endive and spinach into bite-sized pieces; add orange sections and onion rings. Combine remaining ingredients in bottle; shake well. Remove garlic and pour dressing over salad; toss lightly. Makes 6 servings.

Cranberry Pin Wheels

One of the yummiest baked puddings we've tasted—

- ¾ cup water
- 3 cups fresh cranberries
- 1½ cups chopped fresh apple
- 1¼ cups sugar
- ¾ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon cloves
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1½ cups enriched flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 6 tablespoons milk
- Melted butter

Add water to cranberries and apples in saucepan; simmer 10 minutes. Stir in 1¼ cups sugar, spices, and 3 tablespoons butter. Reserve ½ cup; put remainder in bottom of 10x6x1½-inch baking pan. Sift together flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, and salt. Cut in ¼ cup butter. Add milk; mix until flour is just moistened. Turn onto lightly floured surface and roll to 6x10-inch rectangle. Brush dough with melted butter. Spread with ½ cup cooled cranberry mixture. Roll as for jelly roll; cut in six 1-inch slices. Place cut side down on top of cranberry mixture in pan. Bake in hot oven

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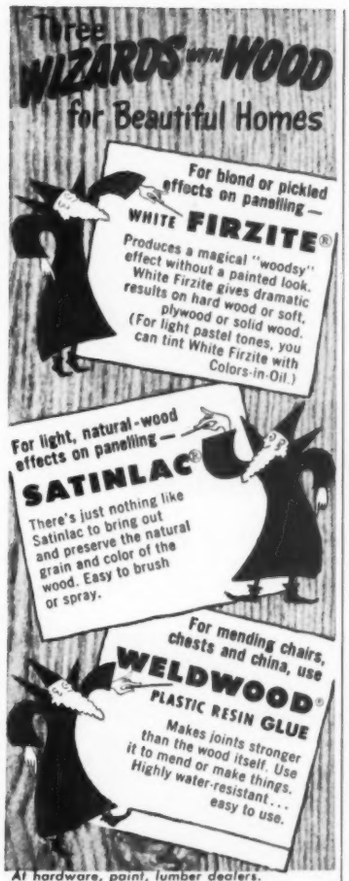

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(425°) about 15 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.

Onion-sauced Short Ribs

A homespun dish that makes the most of flavors folks like—

½ cup enriched flour
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 pounds short ribs
2 tablespoons hot fat
½ cup hot water
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4 cups sliced onion
2 tablespoons hot fat
3 tablespoons enriched flour
2 cups meat broth
2 teaspoons kitchen bouquet
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper

Combine ½ cup flour, 2 teaspoons salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper; dip short ribs in seasoned flour. Brown in 2 tablespoons hot fat; add water. Cover; cook slowly top-of-range or in slow oven (325°) until tender, 1½ to 2 hours. Serve with **Onion Gravy:** Cook onions in 2 tablespoons hot fat until golden; stir in flour. Add meat broth (or 2 bouillon cubes, or 2 teaspoons concentrated meat extract, dissolved in 2 cups hot water). Add kitchen bouquet and Worcestershire sauce; season to taste. Cook over low heat until smooth and thick, stirring constantly. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Meat-stuffed Cabbage Rolls

A tasty surprise hidden inside each cabbage leaf—

½ cup rice
1¼ cups milk
1 large head cabbage
1 pound ground beef
¼ pound ground pork
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons brown sugar
½ cup hot water

Cook rice in 1¼ cups milk in double boiler till rice absorbs milk. Cut core out of cabbage head and remove 6 outer leaves. Immerse leaves in boiling, salted water; cook till partially translucent and pliable; drain. Combine meats with 1 cup milk, salt, pepper, and cooked rice; mix thoroughly. Spoon some of meat mixture on each leaf; roll and tie securely or fasten with toothpicks. Place in hot fat in skillet; sprinkle with brown sugar; add water. Cover and cook slowly about 2 hours. If desired, thicken broth for gravy. Makes 6 servings.

Crisp Apple Bake

Good with wedges of American cheese—

3 or 4 medium apples
¾ cup quick-cooking oats
¾ cup brown sugar
½ cup enriched flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup butter or margarine

Pare apples and slice thin. Arrange slices in greased 8x1½-inch round pan. Mix oats, sugar, flour, and cinnamon; cut in butter. Sprinkle this mixture over apples. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with cream. Makes 6 servings.

Spiced Beets

Chill them for your relish tray or for a salad, or serve them hot with pot roast—

½ cup water
½ cup vinegar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cloves
2 cups sliced, cooked beets

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¼ tsp. ground cloves
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Pour cake mix into bowl. Add raisins and spices. Prepare batter according to package directions for cake, *using applesauce in place of milk or water.* Place paper baking cups in muffin pans, fill ⅓ to ½ full. Bake at 400° for 15 to 18 minutes. Makes 22 to 24 cupcakes.

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1 cup sugar
⅓ cup water
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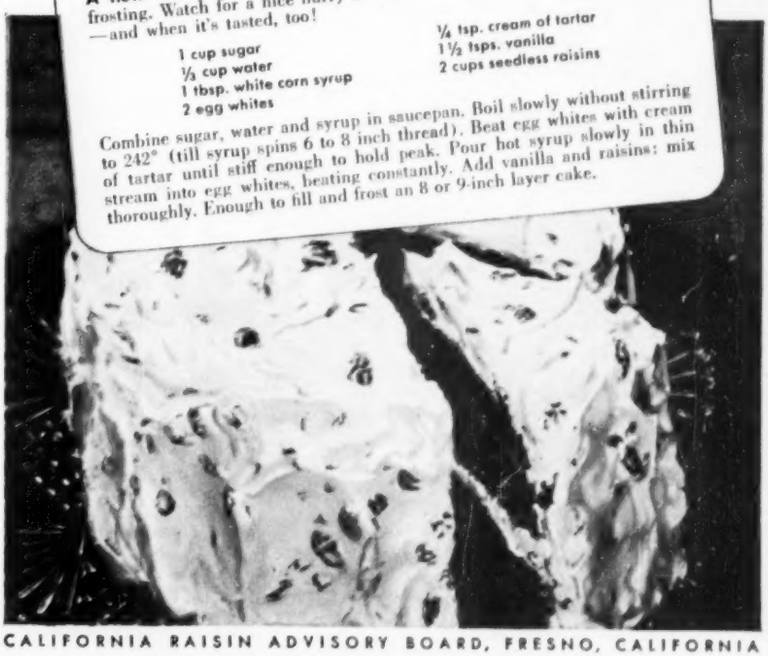
2 egg whites
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
1½ tsps. vanilla
2 cups seedless raisins

Combine sugar, water and syrup in saucepan. Boil slowly without stirring to 242° (till syrup spins 6 to 8 inch thread). Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until stiff enough to hold peak. Pour hot syrup slowly in thin stream into egg whites, beating constantly. Add vanilla and raisins; mix thoroughly. Enough to fill and frost an 8 or 9-inch layer cake.



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Gorgeous gloxinias

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The easiest and quickest way to get showy gloxinia flowers is to start with healthy tubers. Most seedsmen offer them in mixed colors. A few can supply separate colors and named varieties

Depending upon your source, gloxinia tubers like these can be bought from December through March. Tubers should feel hard when squeezed. Remnant of last year's stem, and maybe a pinkish new growth, should show on upper side. Leave roots attached

Because rot is the greatest hazard, you'll do well to start your gloxinia tubers in some medium which you can be sure will not become waterlogged. Here, a tuber with a fresh tip showing is surrounded by moistened expanded mica until fresh roots start

Let the portion of the tuber immediately below the neck remain above the rooting medium of expanded mica, screened sphagnum, or sand. Apply water next to the rim of the pot, and keep in full light. Keep at as even a temperature as possible in the 60 range

A good gloxinia soil mixture is the same as for African-violets or tuberous begonias. It needs to admit air and water readily and drain almost as quickly. Set each started tuber in nothing smaller than a 5-inch pot. Handle the new roots quickly and gently

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Fill the lower half of the pot with your topsoil-sand-leafmold mixture and press with fingers. Keep filling around tuber while continuing to press next to pot rim, so tuber sits this high at finish

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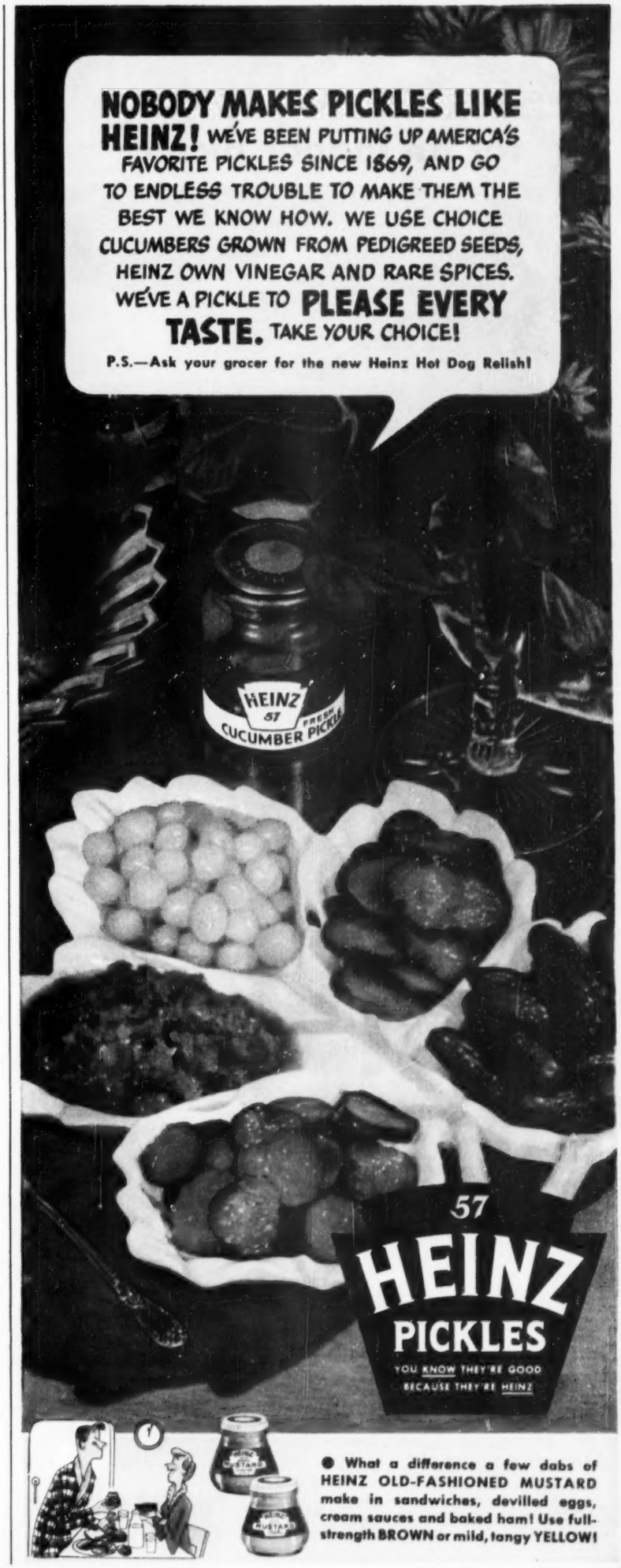

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Roast 3 lbs. spareribs in very hot oven (500° F.) for 10-15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate 325° F. Roast 1½ hours, basting every 15 minutes, with sauce made by mixing 1 cup vinegar and 3 tbsp. each of lemon juice, French's Worcestershire Sauce, brown sugar. Serve with:

Frenchwise Barbecue Sauce

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 medium onion minced (or crush 1 tablespoon French's Onion Flakes)
- 1 small green pepper minced (or crush 1 tablespoon French's Pepper Flakes)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons French's Prepared Mustard
- 1 tablespoon French's Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup ketchup

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Gorgeous gloxinias

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As top expands, water a gloxinia often enough to keep soil damp. Apply next to pot rim, not directly on the plant.

Use water of room temperature. For better than average growth, give plant food in solution every two weeks. At no time exceed amount recommended in the printed directions of the manufacturer.

After your gloxinia has bloomed, it will gradually go limp, thus showing that it is ready for a rest. With a sharp knife, cut off leafy top as pictured.

Use care not to cut stem too low or to gouge into the tuber. Pot and all can be set away in a dry, cool —not freezing—spot for several months.

Or, perhaps the best way, you can lift the tuber from its pot and pack away in a jar or box of sterile expanded mica.

This material, besides being a nonspreader of fungi, keeps the tuber as plump as when you pack it, yet never so wet that you need worry about rot. Use screw-top container.

Here's how a tuber you buy this spring should look when you're ready to start your gloxinias into a growth late next winter.

Tubers will be larger, giving you double returns in bloom and increased size as reward for good care. Usually, the larger the tuber—the more flower buds it will give you.

To start gloxinias from leaves, see page 116

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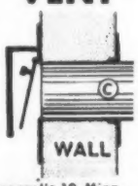

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Heart-warming meals

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Next comes our Seashore Skillet. Just try it with snowy-white halibut fillet. The tangy seasonings give it a gourmet touch you'll like.

And looking so fancy you hardly recognize it, is clove-bedecked, glistening Spicy Corned Beef. It's all meat, no bone. Dad will find it easy to carve lots of handsome, flavorful slices from this "roast." Those cabbage wedges are tastily garnished with Mustard Sauce.

Next comes Savory Sausage With Noodles, a surprise combination you can be sure your family will ask for again and again. In the skillet servers is tomato-y Meat 'n' Spaghetti Quickie.

Here are the recipes—also suggestions for inexpensive, *good* ways to complete each meal.

Curried Pork Chops

The expertly seasoned sauce gives these chops the best flavor!—

6 loin pork chops, ¾ inch thick
⅓ cup catsup
⅓ cup water
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon curry powder

Brown chops on both sides in a skillet; place in 11x7x1½-inch baking dish. Add catsup, water, salt, and curry powder to drippings in skillet; stir well; pour over chops. Cover and bake in slow oven (325°) 15 minutes. Baste with sauce. Uncover and bake 1 hour 15 minutes, basting again. Makes 6 servings.

Curried Pork Chops
Scalloped Potatoes
Buttered Green Lima Beans
Hot Applesauce
Celery Curls—Radish Roses
Brown-and-Serve Rolls
Cocoa Layer Cake

Hamburger Pies With Lattice Cheese Crust

You'll be tempted by these luscious little beauties. You'll like the way they cook so fast—

2 cups minced onion
1½ cups chopped celery
⅔ cup minced green pepper
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 pounds ground beef
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 10½- or 11-ounce cans condensed tomato soup
2 cloves garlic, minced

Cook onion, celery, and green pepper in butter till golden, about 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until browned. Add chili powder, salt, pepper, soup, and garlic; mix well. Pour into 6 individual casseroles. Top with Lattice Cheese Crust. Bake in hot oven (425°) about 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings. **Lattice Cheese Crust:** Sift together 2 cups enriched flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, and 1 teaspoon salt. Cut in ¼ cup shortening; stir in ½ cup grated Ameri-

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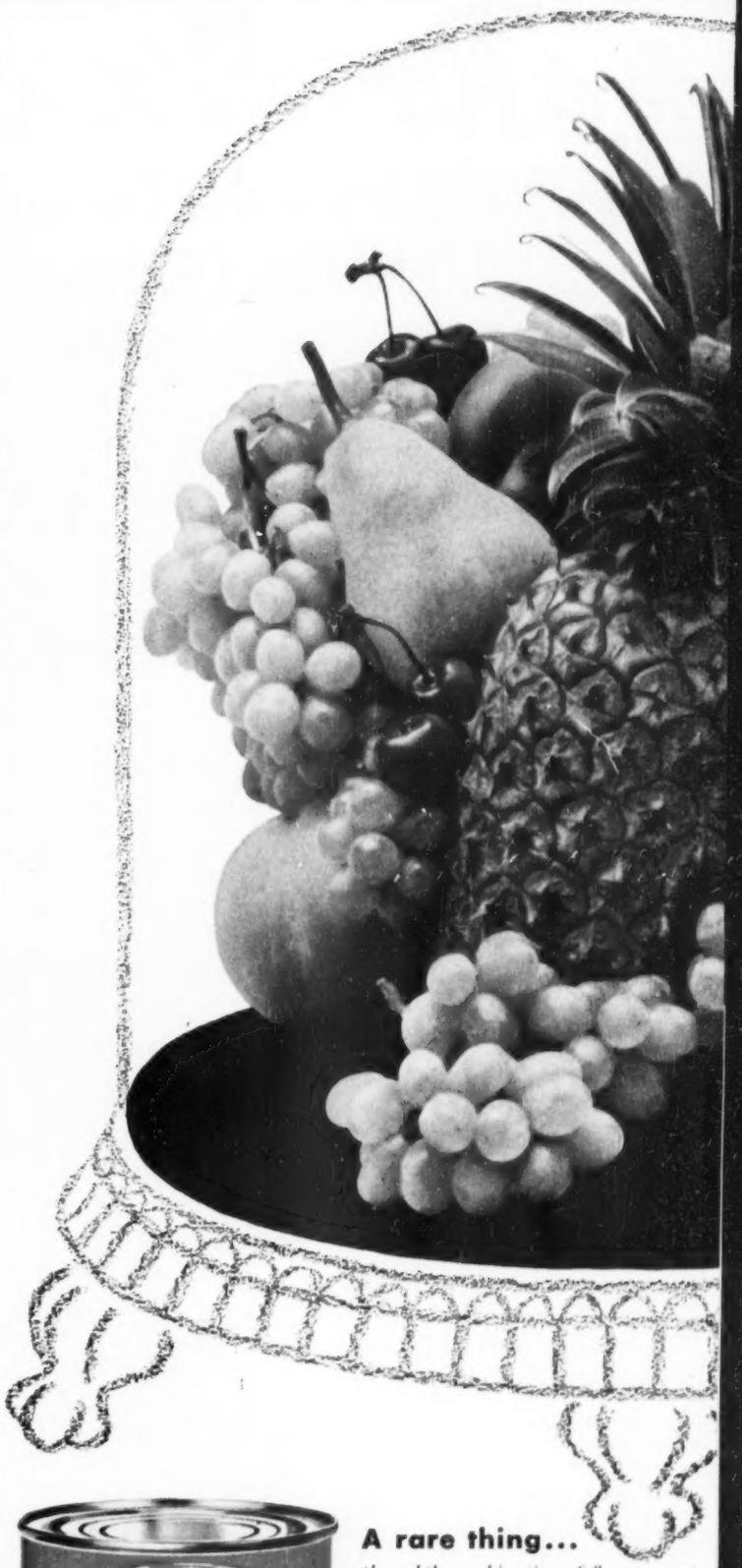

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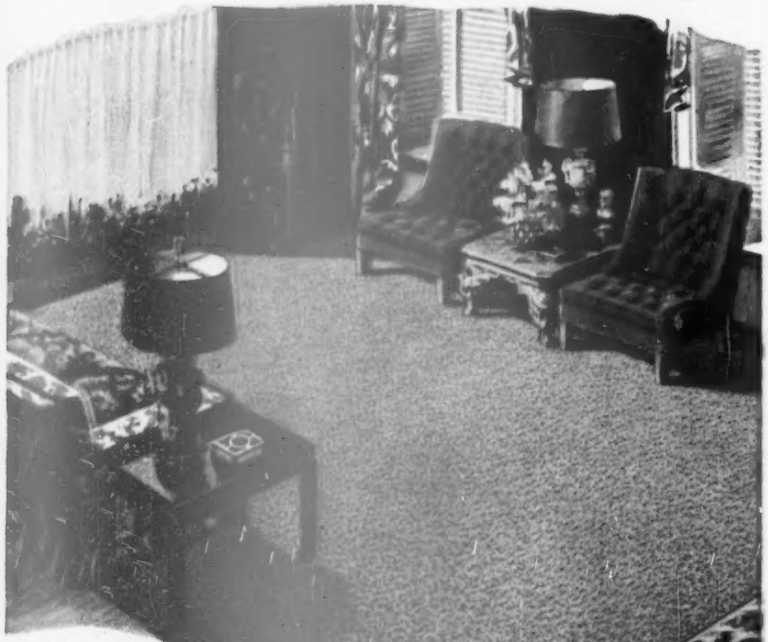

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can cheese. Add ⅔ cup milk and mix just until dough follows fork around bowl. Roll ⅜ inch thick and cut in ⅜-inch strips. Weave strips together for top.

Hamburger Pies With Lattice Cheese Crust
Buttered Broccoli
Waldorf Salad
Extra Cheese Biscuits
Snow Pudding—Custard Sauce

Barbecued Stuffed Ribs

2 sides of spare-ribs (3 to 4 pounds)
Salt and pepper
6 cups ¾-inch day-old bread cubes
1½ cups chopped celery
⅓ cup finely chopped onion
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 beaten eggs
⅓ cup melted butter or margarine
1 recipe Barbecue Sauce

Put the 2 sides of ribs together to form a pocket. Season inside and out with salt and pepper. Combine bread cubes, celery, onion, seasonings, eggs, butter, and 2 tablespoons Barbecue Sauce; stuff into pocket. Place ribs in shallow pan and bake in moderate oven (350°) for 1½ hours. Pour Barbecue Sauce over ribs and continue baking for ½ hour. **Barbecue Sauce:** Cook ½ cup finely chopped onion in 3 tablespoons butter or margarine till golden. Add 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, 1 cup catsup, ½ cup water, and ¼ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned. Simmer 15 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Barbecued Stuffed Ribs
Baked Acorn Squash
Pineapple and Cottage Cheese Salad
Chilled Winter-pear Slices—Cookies

Seashore Skillet

Colorful, tasty, one-dish meal—

4 medium potatoes
4 medium carrots
½ cup 1-inch lengths celery
¼ cup chopped onion
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) tomatoes, well drained
1 pound fresh or frozen fish fillets
Paprika
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned

Cut potatoes in eighths; carrots in quarters. Arrange vegetables in 10-inch skillet. Add bay leaf, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper, butter, and tomatoes; cover and simmer 15 minutes. Sprinkle fillets with paprika, 1 teaspoon salt, and lemon juice; add to vegetables in skillet and simmer 15 minutes more. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Seashore Skillet
Potatoes, Carrots, Tomatoes (in skillet)
Grape-Apple Salad
Hot French Bread
Gingerbread—Lemon Sauce

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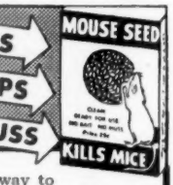

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Pot Roast With Corn-meal Dumplings

Fluffy dumplings cook in the rich gravy-sauce—

- 3 pounds pot roast
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 8-ounce can (1 cup) tomato sauce
- ½ cup water
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 medium onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- ¼ cup catsup
- ¼ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Rub meat with salt and pepper; brown in hot fat in deep, heavy skillet. Add tomato sauce, water, and garlic. Cover and simmer 2 hours. Top with onion slices. Combine brown sugar, paprika, mustard, catsup, lemon juice, vinegar, and Worcestershire sauce; pour over meat. Cover and cook until tender, about 1 hour. Remove meat before cooking Corn-meal Dumplings in gravy. To serve, place Pot Roast in center of large platter; arrange onion rings and dumplings around it. Garnish with parsley. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Corn-meal Dumplings: Sift together ¾ cup enriched flour, 1½ teaspoons baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt; stir in ½ cup yellow corn meal. Stir in ½ cup milk and 2 tablespoons melted shortening. Drop by spoonfuls into hot gravy. Cover tightly and simmer 15 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 dumplings.

Pot Roast With Corn-meal Dumplings
Buttered Green Beans
Jellied Fruit Salad
Hard Rolls
Chocolate-Mint Sundaes

Spicy Corned Beef

Father's special was never as good as this! You can serve it proudly on family or company night—

Place 4½ pounds corned-beef brisket in deep kettle; cover with water. Bring to a boil; cover tightly and *simmer* till tender, about 4½ hours. Remove from kettle. Score fat in squares or diamonds. Spread lightly with prepared mustard. Sprinkle lightly with brown sugar. Stud with whole cloves, placing one in each corner of squares or diamonds. Place in shallow pan. Bake in hot oven (400°) 20 minutes. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Cabbage Wedges With Mustard Sauce

- 6 cabbage wedges
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1½ cups milk
- 3 tablespoons prepared mustard
- ¾ teaspoon salt

Cook cabbage in boiling, salted water until tender, about 10 minutes. Melt butter in saucepan; add flour and blend. Add milk and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Stir in mustard and salt. Pour hot sauce over cooked cabbage wedges. Makes 6 servings.

Spicy Corned Beef
Baked Potatoes
Cabbage Wedges With Mustard Sauce
Chilled Relishes
Apricot Upside-down Cake

Meat 'n' Spaghetti Quickie

Spaghetti lovers will have a new favorite—

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1½ cups chopped onion
- ¾ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 8-ounce cans (3 cups) tomato sauce
- ⅓ cup water
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- Dash pepper
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 3-ounce can (¾ cup) sliced, broiled mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon horse-radish
- 1 16-ounce package spaghetti

Brown meat; drain off excess fat. Add onion, green pepper, and garlic. Cook 1 minute. Add tomato sauce, water, salt, celery seed, mustard, pepper, and Worcestershire sauce. Cover and simmer until onion and green pepper are tender, stirring occasionally. Add mushrooms with liquid. Heat. Just before serving, add horse-radish. Cook spaghetti till tender in boiling salted water; drain. Serve sauce bordered with hot spaghetti or pour sauce over spaghetti. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Meat 'n' Spaghetti Quickie
Toasted Garlic Bread
Tossed Green Salad—French Dressing
Cheese Tray With Fresh Fruit

Savory Sausage With Noodles

Delicious, new way to use zesty pork sausage—and an easy dish, too!—

- 1 pound pork sausage
- ⅔ cup chopped onion
- 2 10½- or 11-ounce cans condensed tomato soup
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 8-ounce package extra-wide noodles
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley

Brown sausage in skillet. Add onion and cook till golden. Add soup, Worcestershire sauce, and seasonings; simmer 1 hour. Cook noodles in boiling, salted water until tender; drain. Serve noodles with a border of sauce. Sprinkle noodles with parsley. Makes 8 servings.

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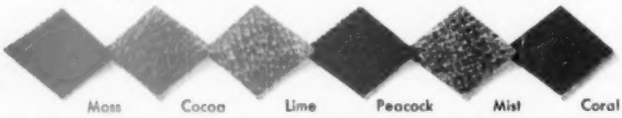

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Hints to help you—

Fruit pies taste so luscious made with the season's first fresh fruit. You may make a double-crust beauty, a fluffy chiffon, or a deep-dish type. Whatever your specialty, we'd like to hear about it. To start your thinking, glance over these suggestions:

- green-apple pie
- peach custard pie
- grape lattice pie
- pear pie
- apricot chiffon pie
- two-fruit cream pie
- deep-dish cherry pie
- plum pie
- combination fruit pie
- your family's choice

Tomatoes all ways are summer's delight. Whether you fix them in hearty casseroles, cool salads, delicious marmalades, or spicy sauces, we want to know your recipe. Here are some ideas to jog your memory:

- fresh-tomato aspic
- tomato-cheese casserole
- green-tomato relish
- tomato-corn bake
- tomato fritters
- tomato salad platter
- meat with tomato sauce
- scalloped tomatoes

Contest rules—

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "August Fruit Pies" or "August Tomatoes All Ways."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of the recipe you submit.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, January 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5401 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 77 and 78*)

Cook-of-the-month is L. Don Potts, Knoxville, Tenn.
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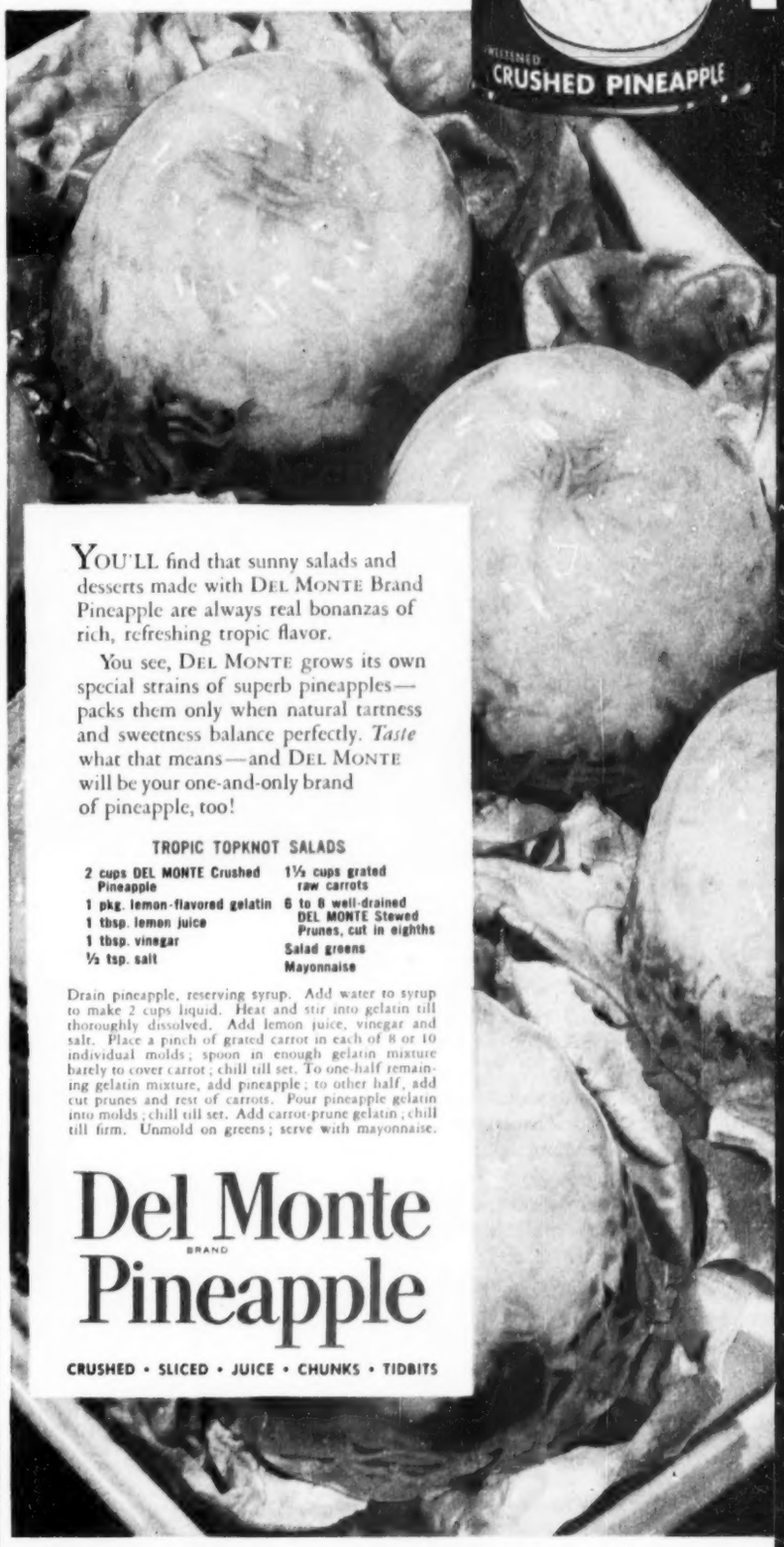

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- 2 cups DEL MONTE Crushed Pineapple
- 1 pkg. lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. vinegar
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1½ cups grated raw carrots
- 6 to 8 well-drained DEL MONTE Stewed Prunes, cut in eighths
- Salad greens
- Mayonnaise

Drain pineapple, reserving syrup. Add water to syrup to make 2 cups liquid. Heat and stir into gelatin till thoroughly dissolved. Add lemon juice, vinegar and salt. Place a pinch of grated carrot in each of 8 or 10 individual molds; spoon in enough gelatin mixture barely to cover carrot; chill till set. To one-half remaining gelatin mixture, add pineapple; to other half, add cut prunes and rest of carrots. Pour pineapple gelatin into molds; chill till set. Add carrot-prune gelatin; chill till firm. Unmold on greens; serve with mayonnaise.

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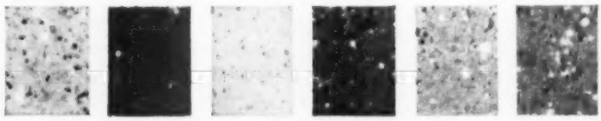

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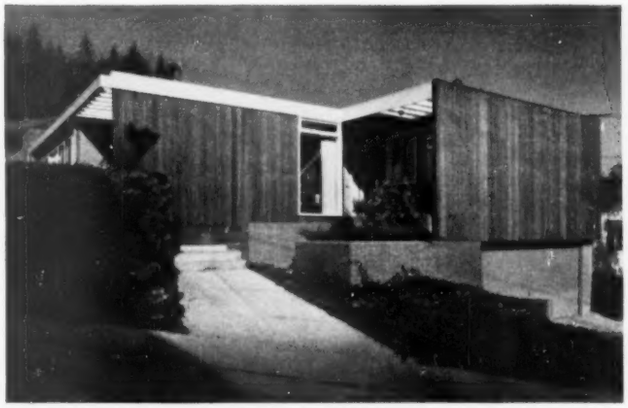

Windowless walls on streetside insure privacy, yet are not unfriendly to passers-by. Lower level contains double garage, workshop, furnace.

Roman-brick planting area adds complementary color to soften the dominant redwood siding. Dramatic accents of trim give nice contrast.

Dining space has a handy two-way cabinet for glassware with a pass-through below, relating it to the kitchen. The single solid wall is finished in light plywood as a background for the dining table and chairs. An open plan facilitates buffet serving, yet provides plenty of formal dining space when such entertaining is in order. Frosted glass above the cabinet excludes kitchen heat and odors, but lets soft light through

Parents' bedroom has beautiful built-ins. "Window" above the drawers is really mirror which reflects garden view through wall of glass on opposite side.

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Mill Grove, the home of John James Audubon, near Norristown, Pa.

His wife "had a rival in every bird"

IN BLACK SATIN BREECHES, pumps and the finest ruffled shirts, admittedly his favorite costume for hunting, young John James Audubon was often considered mad as he roamed the countryside in constant search of birds. Adept at dancing, skating, playing the flute and violin, he could appear as a dandified ladies' man but he endured poverty and discouragement in carrying out his ambition to paint all the birds of America.

Although Audubon liked to call himself the American Woodsman, according to the best available information he was born in Haiti and reared in France. He came to this country in 1803 at the age of eighteen due to the imminent threat of the Napoleonic wars and made his home at Mill Grove, a farm in eastern Pennsylvania which his father had previously purchased. Here he began to paint the birds and other fauna of his adopted land, devised the first American bird-banding experiment and met Lucy Bakewell who became his wife and remained his lifelong inspiration.

In 1951 in observance of the centennial of Audubon's death, Mill Grove was purchased as a public memorial and bird sanctuary and is administered by the Commissioners of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Audubon's genius as one of the greatest of bird artists and naturalists won him a niche in America's Hall of Fame but in his lifetime success was slow and his wife had to teach to support the family. Not until he exhibited his work in England and Scotland at the age of 41 was his ability recognized.

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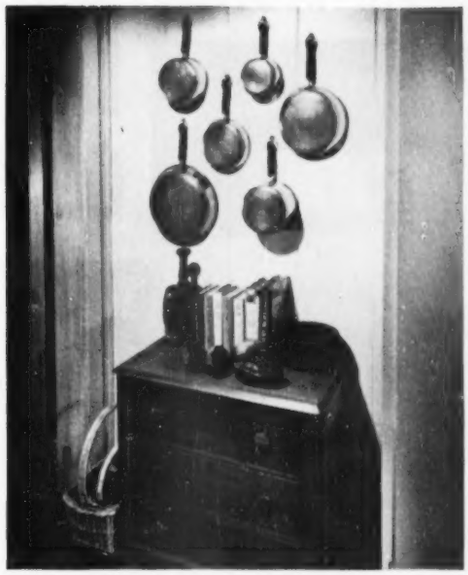

Move bedroom chest to kitchen; you'll wonder how you ever managed without the extra drawer space. Line up cook books across the top; for book ends, use handsome kitchen tools like this antique mortar and pestle. Copper pans decorate wall above

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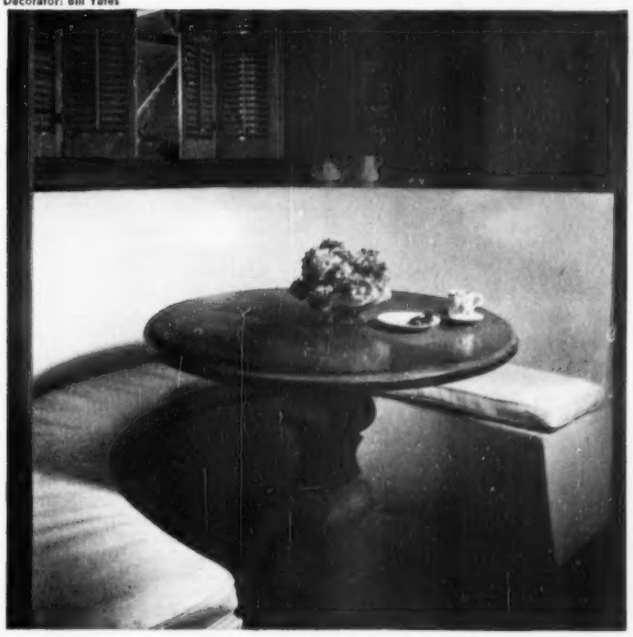

Stretch an old coverlet or quilt to bedspread size by adding a calico dust ruffle to brush the floor. Match the ruffle on pillowcases, if the coverlet isn't long enough to tuck around pillows. Idea from the home of the Ralph Carters, near Atlanta, Georgia

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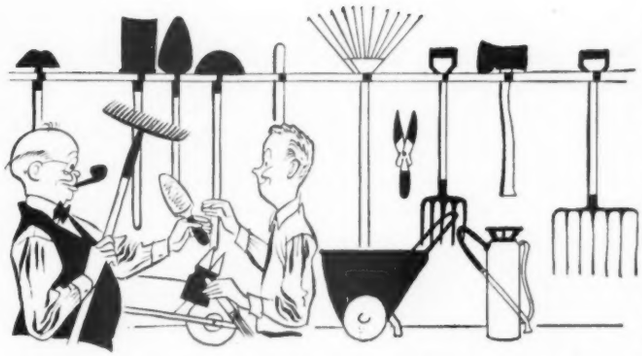

Donald needed some tools for his gardening, so I up and gave him some, including a two-pronged, forged weeding hoe, a good trowel, and a rake

Jan. 1 Once again I make my annual prediction: This will be a good year to garden.

Just how I'll get all my work done is something I can't predict. I've lost my task force.

Donald has married a wife, and he has his own little place and garden to worry about. David is off to his Army post, after just being home for a bit of furlough.

My own secret plan is that I'll grow enough vegetables here for both ourselves and for Donald and Janet. They are talking about getting a home freezer, too.

The little vegetable garden they are planning won't be big enough for a large surplus. So mebbe I can hornswoggle Donald to get back here now and then and help out. His little white house isn't far away.

Jan. 3 Stopped at seed store on way home and found Miss Ruth filling retail packets from wholesale supplies. She tells me tuberous begonia bulbs will begin to arrive by the first of February.

Some of our begonia fans hereabout get their plants started indoors by February. They put them out in May after frost danger.

Jan. 5 Maybe I forgot to mention it, but no sooner were Donald and Janet moved into their home, than he began to borrow my tools.

I just up and gave him a spade, for I had an extra one in the toolshed I seldom used. And somebody gave him a hammer and saw for Christmas.

Jan. 7 To the basement—and what a shape that is in!

So I put on old clothes and went to work. I was puzzled over what to do with a tub of soot cleaned out of the chimney some time since.

Don't tell Maggie, but I whisked it out and scattered it under some of the bushes toward the back. When spring comes and the leaves grow, nobody will see it.

Jan. 8 Bless my soul—toward evening in came Donald and Janet. You would think we hadn't seen them for weeks, the way we rushed to greet them.

After we ate—what do you think? Janet and Maggie got out our files of *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine. They spent the rest of the evening looking through them.

They found hundreds of ideas—bookshelves, where to put lamps in the living room. You know, things that concern wimmin.

Jan. 9 For reasons unknown, Maggie went a different way back to the compost pile with potato peelings yesterday. In consequence, she made oration at breakfast. Said I'd have to clean out that stuff by the west fence.

She is right, of course. But gosh, why did she have to bring it up at breakfast? It upsets a fellow. Ruins his digestion. But I finished the job today.

Jan. 12 Here I am, behind time in putting straw over the strawberry bed. But today I did get out and get at it. I put about two inches of straw over the plants.

Jan. 17 Carried out ashes and spread them over some iris, as a good winter mulch.

Got to thinking that I ought to begin getting the electric hotbed ready, where I'll raise cabbage and tomato plants. I'll put the sash on, so the soil can dry out.

Jan. 20 Donald and Janet here for dinner. News is, they are getting all excited about gardening.

Donald wants some hoes. Well, I have a goodly assortment of such and I picked out some for him to take home, including a two-pronged, forged weeding hoe.

I also gave him a good, forged steel trowel, and an extra rake.

Janet wanted to know about tomato varieties. What about Ponderosa? No, no, says I. Not good enough flavor. Grow Marglobe and Rutgers for main crop.

Thus I can plainly see that part of my work this spring will be to help the new family.

Jan. 25 As I hurried toward the house, home from work, Maggie met me at the back steps.

"Please go get me some dirt. I want to put that little sansevieria in a pot," says she.

I took a small flat, went out to the hotbed, and got enough dry soil and more to fill the pot.

This dwarf sansevieria (Hahni) has a habit of having babies. About once a year a little offset plant comes up alongside the parent.

Maggie takes it off gently down where it is attached and pots it up. It keeps right on growing.

Jan. 27 "Get rid of them," said Maggie. "Give them to somebody or throw them away."

But gosh, how I hate to do this. We were talking about the three glass tanks in which, way back, I had my tropical fish.

They have been under the basement stairs for years now. Those cute little guppies helped me forget my worries. Nowadays I feed the birds instead.

Maggie and Janet spent the evening looking at *Better Homes & Gardens* magazines, found many good ideas

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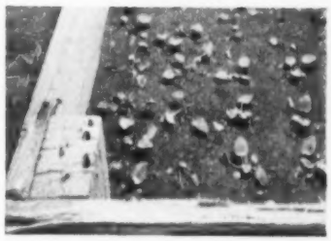

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feet than many two-bedroom houses[8] you'll find, it *has* three bedrooms. For the family that needs only two bedrooms, the smallest can become a study-guest room.

The six closets are prefabricated units that double as partitions. Each has a sliding door, plus a shelf above. The largest bedroom has a built-in dressing table with large mirror and recessed light.

Each bedroom has nearly equal access to the bathroom. Linen is stored in a closet just inside the bathroom door, only a few steps from linen-using areas. Another stepsaver is the built-in hamper opening into the hallway. Soiled clothing and linen go into this hamper that's only an arm's reach from the washer.

All three bedrooms have high strip windows along one

Only dividing line between living room and this dining area is a double 2x8 beam running along roof peak. Dining area is big enough to serve family and guests, or to augment living space when necessary

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Floor-to-ceiling windows in both living room and parents' bedroom add visual "space" that you don't get with smaller openings. Except in the hallway, all ceilings follow the roof line.

At least a portion of every glass area includes screened, sliding sash for ventilation. All movable glass is removable, too, for easy washing in the sink. [*Turn to next page*

Parents' bedroom is large enough for twin beds which fit easily under high strip windows (see in mirror). Mother and Dad each have a sizable closet. Dressing table features a large mirror and light above

Smallest bedroom has paneled walls, is furnished here as study-guest room. Strip windows give room privacy, yet offer necessary ventilation. Closet at far right is same as ones in the other bedrooms

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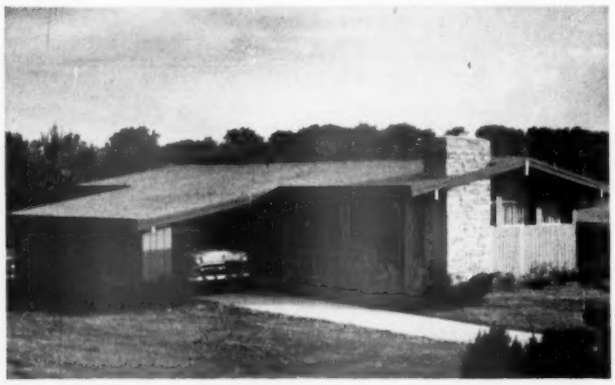
The smooth transition from indoors to outdoors is furthered by the large windows. And with the entrance under the carport, you're only a few steps from the terrace. If you don't mind letting the car get wet on rainy days, the carport is useful as a fresh-air rumpus place for the kids.

The low-pitched gable roof gives the house drama and a feeling of stability. The long roof extension, which shelters the inexpensive carport and bulk storage space, gives the house extra width; it serves as an important design variation from the basic rectangle of the house itself. The roof is framed with 2x8s, is insulated, and surfaced with tar and gravel (see diagram on page 53).

Vertical, V-joint redwood siding, which can be stained or painted to almost any desired tone, covers a ½-inch

Large storage wall on outside edge of carport is handy place to keep all the bulky items that play a part in maintenance around a house. It's inexpensive space that adds balance to the design



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The house has orientation possibilities that let you adapt it to almost any lot. Looking at the house from the street, the arrangement pictured in this article locates the carport on the left side. It could be moved to the right side, or you might want to turn the house sideways so the carport is on the front.

In favor of the carport on the side, though, is the privacy it gives the terrace. And the driveway can come directly in from the street, a definite saving.

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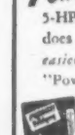

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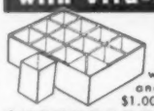

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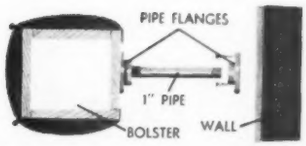
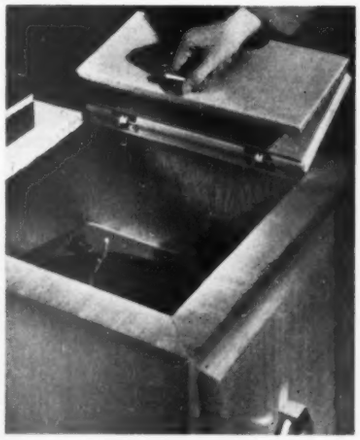
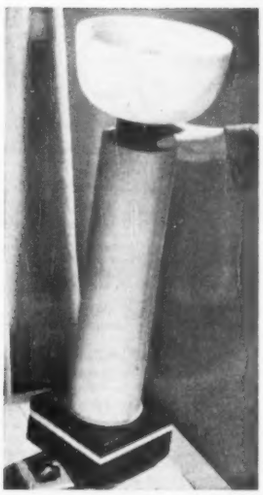
The bolsters are stationary (see drawing), so that the draperies can hang unmussed behind them.



Padded bolsters with wood core are fastened to the wall by using a 1-inch pipe





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To keynote their Early American room, the Ulrichs substituted pine paneling for the plaster wall they turned down. Bookshelves, with cabinets below, climb all the way to the ceiling. Hearth is stone, laid all the way to the entrance door, to give the illusion of a foyer

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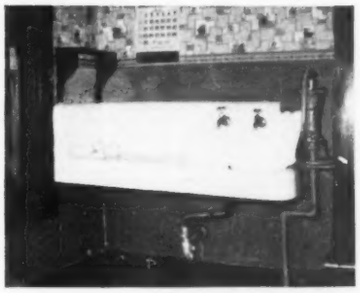

BEFORE

AFTER. The only remodeling necessary in this home was done in the kitchen, to provide more storage space and work counters.

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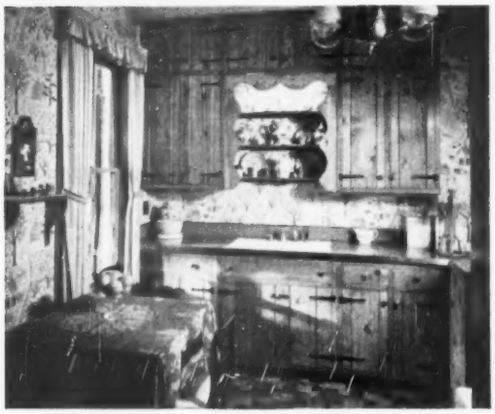
Shallow shelves give headroom for work at new sink; china display is lighted from above by fluorescent tube.



BEFORE

AFTER. Painted to match the walls, and half-hidden by draperies, the heavy window frames no longer dominate the pleasant living room.

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emphasis will be on summer vacations when (except for a few hot desert points) automobile travel is most pleasant.

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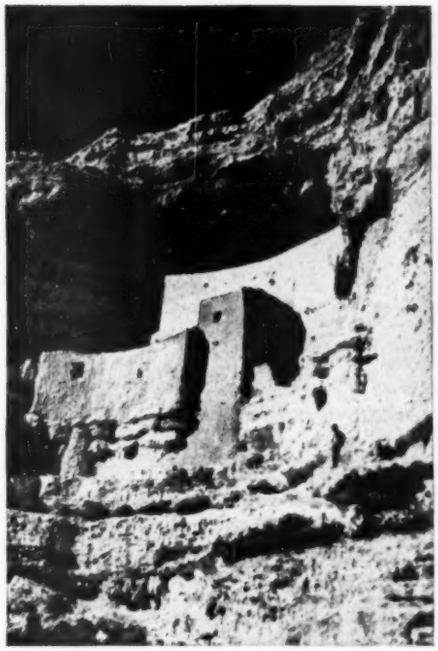
Write two places in advance: The New Mexico State Tourist Bureau, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and The Arizona State Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona. Ask each to mail you its free souvenir map of the state. These are expensively done, beautiful enough for framing, educational, accurate, alluring. Note that you can approach from any direction with almost equal ease. Thus your planning must take into consideration your home base. Californians obviously will reach Arizona first, and the northern entry, via Boulder Dam, is recommended.

Correct name of this dam is Hoover Dam, for ex-President Herbert Hoover. You'll hear both names used, depending some on the politics of the user. Either way, it's worth a visit. It's so incredibly *massive!* You can't appreciate its bulk until you have stared at it a long while, taken the elevator trip down into its innards, looked up its sheer face. And all of you will want to spend time—if you can allot it—on Lake Mead, behind the dam. Motorboating through red canyons, fishing, swimming—all are offered here. Nearby are the lush gambling spots of Nevada, especially Las Vegas with its fabulous resorts and casinos.



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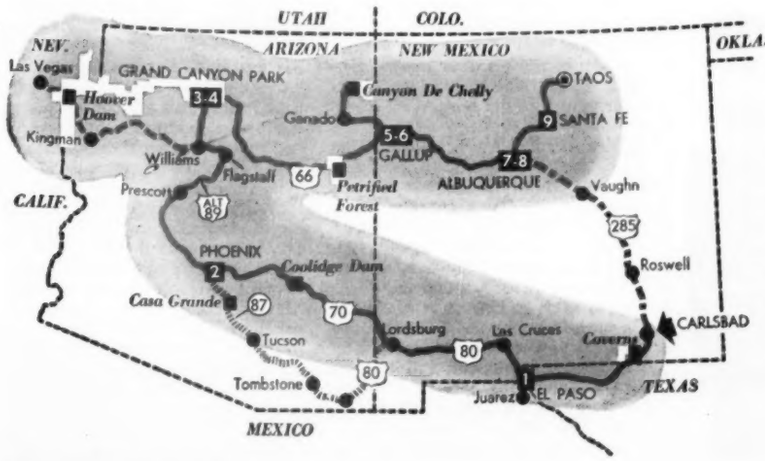
But because most people will be approaching from the east, our logging starts with a dramatic introduction to the region by going *under* it! Roll down U. S. 62 and 180, or 285, to the New Mexico town of Carlsbad for your first night's sleep. Reservations, made in advance, will be a comfort, but you can usually find beds before 5 p.m. Cabin cost here, as throughout the region, will range from $6 to $10 a night for four. This town has a wonderful lake for swimming.

First day. Mileage today: only 167, all in the afternoon. But arise early and be at the entrance to Carlsbad Caverns by 8 a.m. This is 20 miles from the town, so allow time. For a small fee, the National Park Service gives you expert guide service, leads you [*Turn to next page*



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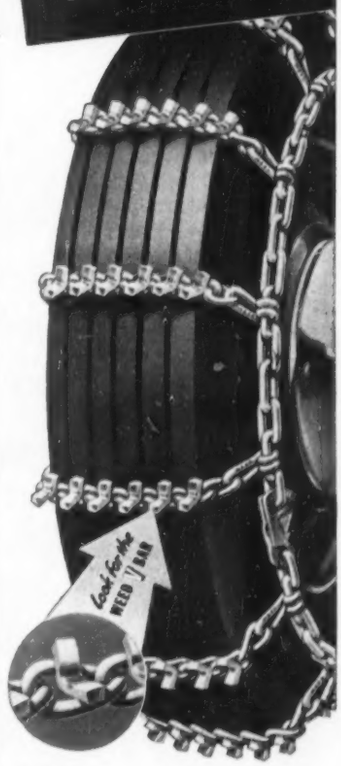

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This is a "different" city, so enjoy it. Ride up the Mount Franklin trail and have your first look at Mexico, across the Rio Grande. Sister city over there is Juarez. Drive down to the international bridge, park your car, and walk or ride the trolly over. This saves red tape. You need no passport, no changing to Mexican money.

Visit the ancient Juarez cathedral, the market place, the jail, the alluring shops. It is "correct" to haggle genially with the merchants; compare prices, then make your offer, for souvenirs. None of the eating and drinking places in Juarez is recommended for the average American tourist family. Much of the glamour here is synthetic; the real Mexico starts farther south of the border.

Sleep in El Paso or nearby. This city has many fine hotels and courts. Reservations are seldom necessary, but they are comforting to have, especially on weekends.

Second day. Mileage: about 420, on main route. Head north on U. S. 80 and 85 for Las Cruces. Three miles short of Cruces at Mesilla is a museum "honoring" Billy the Kid, a pioneer-day murderer. The Spanish or Mexican influence is strong now. It's a place to begin refreshing your interest in history of the Wild West. Time and money permitting, you can advantageously linger for visits to many historic sites during this entire trip. Leave Las Cruces on U. S. 70 and 80 and continue via Deming.

At Lordsburg an important choice confronts you. Our main route is logged first, the alternate route will follow.

Main route westward: stick on U. S. 70. In the early afternoon you will roll over Coolidge Dam, which stores water for irrigation. This is Apache Indian country. At Globe and Miami you'll see picturesque mining towns; Arizona is the foremost copper-producing state. Those smoke-belching "factories" are ore smelters. Those strange artificial hills, black or yellowish, are slag dumps.

Follow U. S. 70 via Superior. This is one of the world's most scenic stretches of highway; deep canyons, bridges from peak to peak, tunnels, lavish color everywhere. Three miles west of Superior is the Southwestern Arboretum, a collection of the many strange plants that adorn the desert. Admission is free, and walk-through time averages one hour.

At Florence Junction keep to the right. On your right horizon now is world-renowned Superstition Mountain which conceals the Lost Dutchman Gold Mine. You haven't time to stop and search, but pause at Apache Junction to photograph the monument to the Dutchman with Superstition for a background.

By now you will have observed the remarkable desert flora. That big candlestick thing, 10 to 40 feet tall, is the saguaro (*sah-WAH-ro*), the world's largest cactus. It grows only in Arizona and in Sonora, Mexico, though eastern artists persistently locate it in every state from Texas, to Oregon, thus making it a main symbol of the West. Its beautiful white blossom, seen in June, is the Arizona state flower. In July this becomes an edible red fruit, much favored by the Indians.

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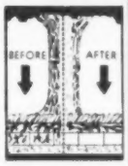

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That odd square building on your left at Mesa is a Mormon temple, well worth a visit. Then push on through Tempe (Arizona State College), over the Salt River bridge, past the world's largest hotel for cattle (a pen-feeding system, capacity 50,000 head), into the state capital, Phoenix.

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Alternate route from Lordsburg to Phoenix. Added mileage: about 150.

Take this alternate route if you can allocate one additional day.

At Lordsburg, the alternate route turns *left*. After 17 miles, this one branches. This second left turn, on U. S. 80, leads to the Mexican border town of Douglas and Bisbee, thence on to the wildest town the Wild West ever knew—Tombstone. Here you must see the old O.K. Corral where the Earps and the Clantons fought their duel, the Bird Cage Theatre, the Boot Hill Cemetery, loaded with outlaws and saints.

Up the road about 75 miles is Tucson (*too-SAHN*). Spend the night here; no reservations necessary in summer. Visit the University of Arizona here, a beautiful campus. Nearby is historic San Xavier, one of the grandest in the chain of missions established by Spanish missionaries. Here, too, is an authentic reproduction of *old* Tucson, a movie set, now a museum. Spend an hour downtown in Porter's, the West's most western store.

After lunch in Tucson, drive up State 84 to Picacho, take a right turn onto State 87, and stop at America's first skyscraper—Casa Grande (*CAH-sah GRAHN-day:* meaning "big house"). It's a national monument, a four-story structure with village walls around it, possibly the finest of our prehistoric ruins. After the tour and lecture, push on via 87 into Mesa, thence into Phoenix. (End of alternate route from Lordsburg.)

Third day. Mileage: about 285. Take a quick drive around Phoenix in the cool early morning. Include the Camelback Mountain area where you'll see famous resort hotels, date orchards, orange, grapefruit, lemon, olive, and apricot groves, alfalfa and cotton fields, many fine estates. Note the newness of the city, the Spanish- and Ranch-style homes, the irrigated fields and lawns. Then on U. S. 89, head northwest for Prescott.

Past the town of Wickenburg, dude-ranch capital of the world, you'll climb suddenly up Yarnell Hill into a new, cool climate. Prescott is a mile high, a center for cowboys, miners, trappers, vacation resorts. Push on, via *Alternate* 89—careful to take the correct turn for this—through Granite Dells (many two-gun movies are filmed here) to the astonishing ghost town of Jerome. This once-thriving mining community is largely abandoned, and is slipping downhill or caving into underground mine shafts.

About six miles beyond Jerome, near Clarkdale, pause for a look at Tuzigoot (*TOOT-se-goot*), an Indian word meaning Crooked Waters, from the stream nearby. This national monument is one of the most impressive prehistoric villages, much of it intact or restored, well worth an hour. Two miles farther on, near the village of Clemenceau, watch for a big sign turning you to the right to see Montezuma Castle National Monument. This is a scenic 30-minute side trip, showing you an incredible way of life as of about 800 years ago. Rangers on duty will answer your questions.

Back on Alternate 89, proceed to Sedona and up Oak Creek Canyon. Here you'll go color-film crazy, for the reds, yellows, greens, and blues of the landscape are "impossible" though real. Push on to Flagstaff, turn left on U. S. 66-89 toward Williams, take a sudden right turn at the entry gate that points you to the Grand Canyon.

Reservations at Grand Canyon are a must, any time of year. Bright Angel Lodge and cabins are recommended; they have a wide price range, from campsites on up to luxury. Don't be surprised if pet deer, squirrels, chipmunks, and birds come right into your cabin, begging food. Park rangers advise that you leave dogs, cats, and guns at home.

Fourth day. No "description" of the Grand Canyon will be attempted, because its impact defies any adequate phrasing. After lunch, drive the few miles westward on the Rim Trail to Hermit's Rest, going onto every point for a thrilling view. Get back to El Tovar in time for the daily Indian dances, usually about 5 p.m. (check the time for them before you leave). Then go back to the rim for the sunset. Sleep here again, but enjoy the movies and lectures before bedtime.

Fifth day. Mileage: about 300. After breakfast, drive eastward on the Rim Trail, again making all the prescribed stops, but especially at Grand View and Hopi Tower. Then follow this highly picturesque road on to Cameron, where you turn southward on U. S. 89. Four

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miles short of Flagstaff, turn east again on U. S. 66. Winslow, 158 miles from Grand Canyon, is a good lunch stop. Then clip along another 57 miles to the signs that mark the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest.

A small entry fee is charged at Petrified Forest. You are only 73 miles from your next sleep, Gallup. Summer reservations in Gallup are essential; make them through its Chamber of Commerce, well in advance.

Sixth day. Mileage: about 200. Gallup is "Indian headquarters." With emergency food, water, and gasoline in your car, let's see some really *wild* west. North from Gallup just eight miles, turn west on State 68 to Ganado, Arizona (*gah-NAH-do*).

Ganado is a Presbyterian Mission village developed by the internationally renowned "sagebrush surgeon," Dr. Clarence Salsbury. It has the finest Indian schools and hospital. You will be on the Navajo reservation. Those moundlike homes of mud and logs are called hogans (*HO-gahns*). You may visit the families in them if you move slowly, smile, and act as courteous as they are. Drive on up to Chinle (*chin-LEE*) and see the incomparable Canyon de Chelly (*SHAY-e*) with its White House Cliff Dwellings, its weird monuments and colors. Then you must return via Ganado. You are about as far from "civilization" in this area as it is possible to get in the United States. Do not attempt any side trips or exploring without a guide and full provisions. Sleep again in Gallup.

Seventh day. Mileage: about 160. Head east on U. S. 66. You're still in the colorful country of the Indians, especially of the pueblo dwellers (*PWEB-lo*, not pew-ebb-lo). About 80 miles east of Gallup, just after you pass Grants, take the right turn that leads to the strangest townsite in America—Acoma (*AH-ko-mah*).

This is a sky city. It is on a rock table 400 feet up, known since Coronado discovered it in 1504, still inhabited. Don't rush; this is a timeless town. A small fee is charged, but your welcome depends on your courtesy rather than your money or "importance."

Acoma is only 60 miles from your next sleep—Albuquerque (that rhymes with *turkey*, not kirk). Have reservations, by all means; Chamber of Commerce will send you a list of recommended places. Your taxes are being poured in here by the many millions, developing Sandia Atomic Research Base nearby.

Do not try to sight-see Sandia; the red tape (for security reasons) isn't worth what you'll find.

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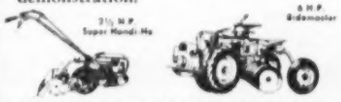

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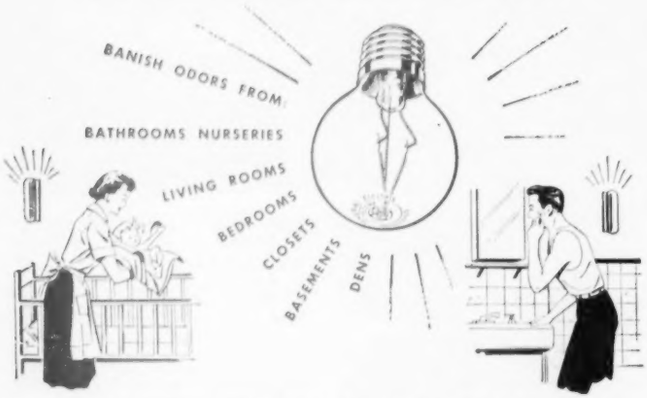

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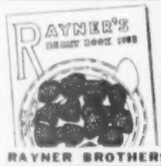

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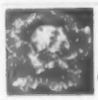

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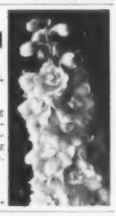

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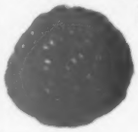

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Slide your knife down along a leaf stem to where it is firm and hard, close to the crown.

Any leaf that's a good, fresh green may be used. Results are uniformly better if plant is in blossom.

Single leaves can be handled in water, sticking the stem through a cover of waxed paper. But several are easily handled in a single pot. Lean against rim of pot, stems buried to leaf blades.

Fill, as shown, with expanded mica or with clean washed sand. If leaves are very large, prop each one erect with a blunt, wooden picnic spoon.

If rooted in unfertile sand or mica, transfer to pot filled with loose, moderately rich soil just as soon as stem-end callus is formed and roots start to show distinctly.

Keep out of sun for a day or two. Use tepid water applied next to pot rim as often as necessary to keep soil damp.

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This shows what goes on under the soil when you root a gloxinia leaf. If you started leaf in mica or pure sand, and you find a tuber is forming, shift while leaf is still green to pot of porous fertile soil.

Neither overwater, nor allow to dry out completely at this stage.

Leaf rooted about June 1 should have formed a tuber about 1½ inches across by mid-November.

Replant a young tuber in same mixture of mixed soil as is used for semidormant tubers.

Continue to water. Leaf will dry off, but only reduce watering slightly for next several weeks while no top shows.

Tuber will send up top growth of its own early in the following year.

If you're more anxious to get several new plants of the same kind than to get another to blooming size quickly, use this method:

Cut across the midrib and main side ribs in three or four places.

Peg, rib side down, on wet sand in box or pot covered with glass. Small tubers will form where the ribs were cut.

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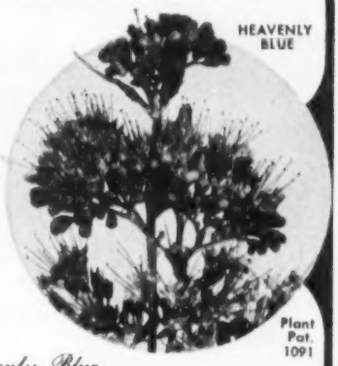

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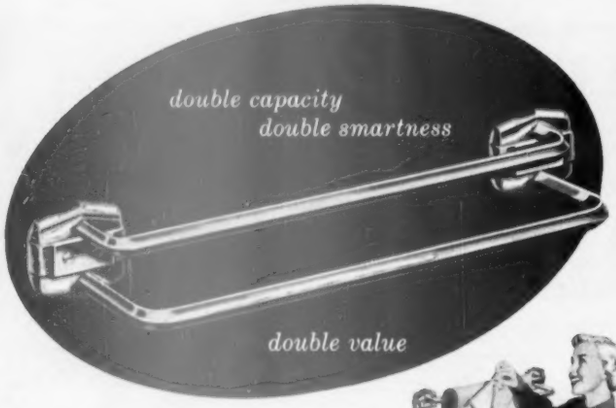

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½ cup chopped celery

Cover ham bone with water. Cover tightly. Simmer—do not boil—1½ hours. Add peas, carrots, and onion. Simmer 1 hour. Add green pepper and celery. Remove bone; cut off any bits of meat and return to soup kettle. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

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6 carrots
6 potatoes
6 small onions
½ head cabbage, cut in wedges

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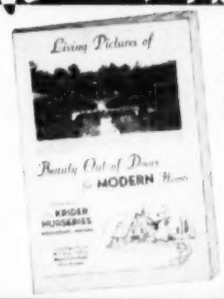

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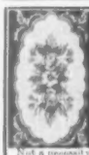

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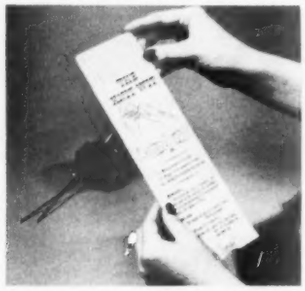

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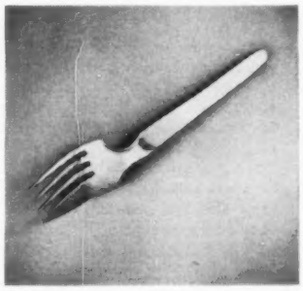

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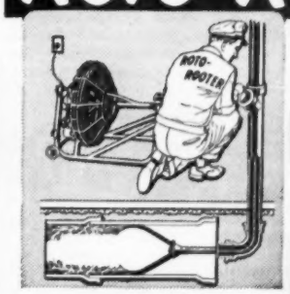

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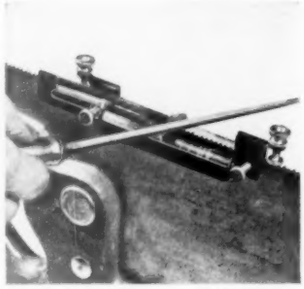

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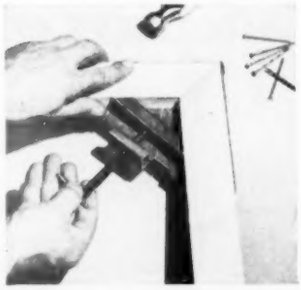

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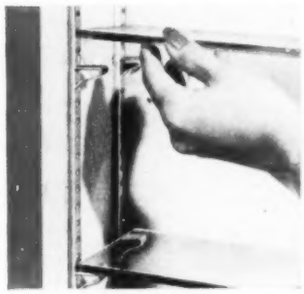

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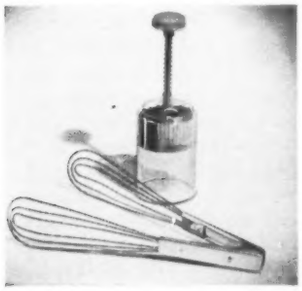

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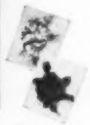

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1st Lieutenant
Lloyd L. Burke
U.S. Army
Medal of Honor

THE RED KOREAN strongpoint had stalled our attack; Lieutenant Burke saw that a breakthrough must be made. Rallying 35 men, he crept close to the enemy bunkers. He laid down a grenade barrage. Then he ran forward to an exposed knoll and opened a one-man pitched battle. He turned a light machine gun into the Red position. He caught live enemy grenades in mid-air and threw them back. Once he killed three men with his pistol. Before sunset Lieutenant Burke and 35 men had defeated 300. The lieutenant says:

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Flavor-fresh jams

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Frozen Fruit Jam (uncooked)

Using powdered fruit pectin

	Frozen fruit	Sugar	Powdered fruit pectin	Water	Yield (approximate)
Strawberry Jam	2 12-ounce packages	3½ cups	1 package	¾ cup	2½ pints
Red-raspberry Jam	3 12-ounce packages	5 cups	1 package	¾ cup	4 pints
Peach Jam*	2 12-ounce packages	3½ cups	1 package	¾ cup	2½ pints
Cherry Jam	1 1-pound, 4-ounce can (2½ cups), drained, plus ½ cup of the syrup	2¾ cups	1 package	¾ cup	2 pints

Directions: Thaw fruit. Put strawberries, raspberries, or peaches through a food mill or coarse sieve, or mash them. Put cherries through a food chopper twice, using fine blade. Add sugar to fruit and stir till well mixed. Let stand 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. When sugar has dissolved, boil pectin with water for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add fruit to pectin; stir 3 minutes. Pour into jelly glasses, pint jars, or freezer containers. Cover and let stand at room temperature for 24 hours or until set. (Cherry Jam may take up to 3 or 4 days.) Seal with paraffin.

You can store these jams a month to 6 weeks in your refrigerator, or longer in a freezer. *Do not store at room temperature.* These jams may be slightly thinner than your usual cooked type. Spoon carefully into serving dish to avoid excess stirring.

*For Peach Jam, add 1 teaspoon citric acid (from drugstore) when you add the sugar.

Using liquid fruit pectin

	Frozen fruit	Sugar	Liquid fruit pectin	Yield (approximate)
Strawberry Jam	2 12-ounce packages	3½ cups	½ bottle	2½ pints
Red-raspberry Jam	3 12-ounce packages	5 cups	½ bottle	4 pints
Peach Jam*	2 12-ounce packages	3½ cups	½ bottle	2½ pints
Cherry Jam	1 1-pound, 4-ounce can (2½ cups), drained, plus ½ cup of the syrup	2¾ cups	½ bottle	2 pints

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Fruity Jam Frosting

Fluffy, with a fresh-fruit tang and lovely pastel tint—

½ cup Frozen Fruit Jam, (raspberry, strawberry, peach, or cherry)
1 egg white
¼ cup sugar
Dash salt

Combine ingredients in top of double boiler. Beat 1 minute with electric or rotary beater. Cook over boiling water, beating constantly, until frosting forms peaks, about 3 minutes. Remove from boiling water; beat till of spreading consistency. Makes frosting for tops of 14 medium or 2 dozen small cupcakes, or for tops and sides of two 9-inch layer cakes.

Note on jam-filled jelly roll: In spreading Frozen Fruit Jam (cherry, strawberry, or raspberry) on jelly roll, spoon it carefully without stirring the jam. Serve the jelly roll on the same day you make it.

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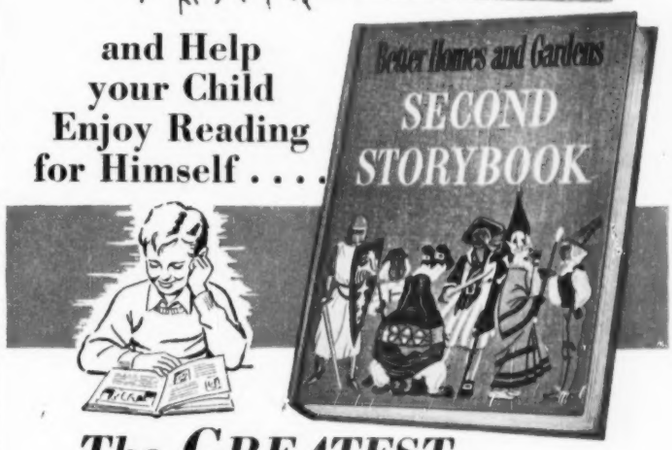

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THE MAN NEXT DOOR

Mrs. Peggy Bayless, our neighbor, brought a hot apple pie to our kitchen Saturday at 2 p.m. It was sweet and neighborly of her, but her pies have no lasting quality at all. This one was gone before supper.

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"If a woman is brainy," says Grandma Hillis, "she can earn her own living. But if she's sensible she'll let some good man earn it for her."

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Sometimes the difference between luxury and stark living hinges on trivia—such as paper hankies, fly swatters, hand lotion, after-dinner mints, nail files, toothpicks.

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Positively I do *not* take my suits to the Modern Way Cleaners just because pretty Ruth Herman and Katy Redfield work there, I keep having to tell Mrs. Hillis. It's because they do especially good work, and will take time to listen to my troubles.

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Our dog Taffy spent most of one night down the street barking at the new neighbors' pet rabbit. But their toddler ran away and spilled a can of paint in our garage, so tonight we are all having dinner and canasta together.

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Our Rosie invited 12 members of her high-school Sunday School Department home for an evening snack, and "only" 29 came. But it was all right, our neighbors having well-stocked pantries, and all of us having learned to support each other in these emergencies.

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No matter what Russia says about America, we're getting capitalistic culture in *our* home. Babe's piano, Junior's saxophone, and Rosie's French horn cost me plenty of capital.

Shortest distance between two points is that taken by our freshly bathed pup to the nearest spread of dirt or ashes.

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"Any money the other fellow has is capital," I overheard a boy explaining to our Rosie. "Getting it away from him is labor."

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About the only two experiences in which the realization invariably exceeds the anticipation, are eating a square meal and kissing a pretty girl.

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The well-adjusted householder faces January's outrageous Christmas bills with the same firm-chinned fortitude with which he faces hospital bills. It's the only way to deal with life's inevitabilities.

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I shudder to think what revenge our loyal neighbors are probably plotting. Using high-pressure methods, our Babe has just sold another dozen boxes of Girl Scout cookies in our block.

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When the giggling gang bedded down in our living-room "slumber" party got up at 3 a.m. and stuffed on olives, popcorn, cheese, hot dogs, and ginger ale, no apparent ill effects resulted—except that worrying about their digestion put Mom to bed with indigestion next day.

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If you plan to reform the man you marry, Miss, you might advantageously begin now reading books on "How to Overcome Disappointments."

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There are several ways to spoil a weekend, but one sure start is to drive the family sedan out of the Three-Minute Wash rack Saturday noon, then head homeward behind a huge truck on a slushy street.

Do you suppose it would be all right *now* for me to remove the seven kittens bedded down in my clothes closet since their birth there in October? Why are children so touchy about such matters?

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"Too many of these self-made men," said our preacher in the pulpit Sunday, "could have done with a little outside help."

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But 1953 does offer a family some advantages. It won't require us to spend so much time worrying about whom to vote for.

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A man can be as tactless with little women as with big women. My 10-year-old is currently furious with me for calling her "Sugar Dumpling" in front of her sophisticated friends. It would have been all right if I'd called her Butch or Toughy or something she considers equally complimentary.

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Took a half a bushel of assorted old medicine bottles and such out of our bathroom yesterday, about a two-year supply. Made me wonder how our pioneers ever faced sickness without such emotional preps.

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If I overhear my wife and daughters correctly, the new spring styles are so new and daring as to require virtually a complete change of wardrobes. But that's old stuff in my home. I'll just play deaf, as always, and pretty soon I'll hear the sewing machine humming again.

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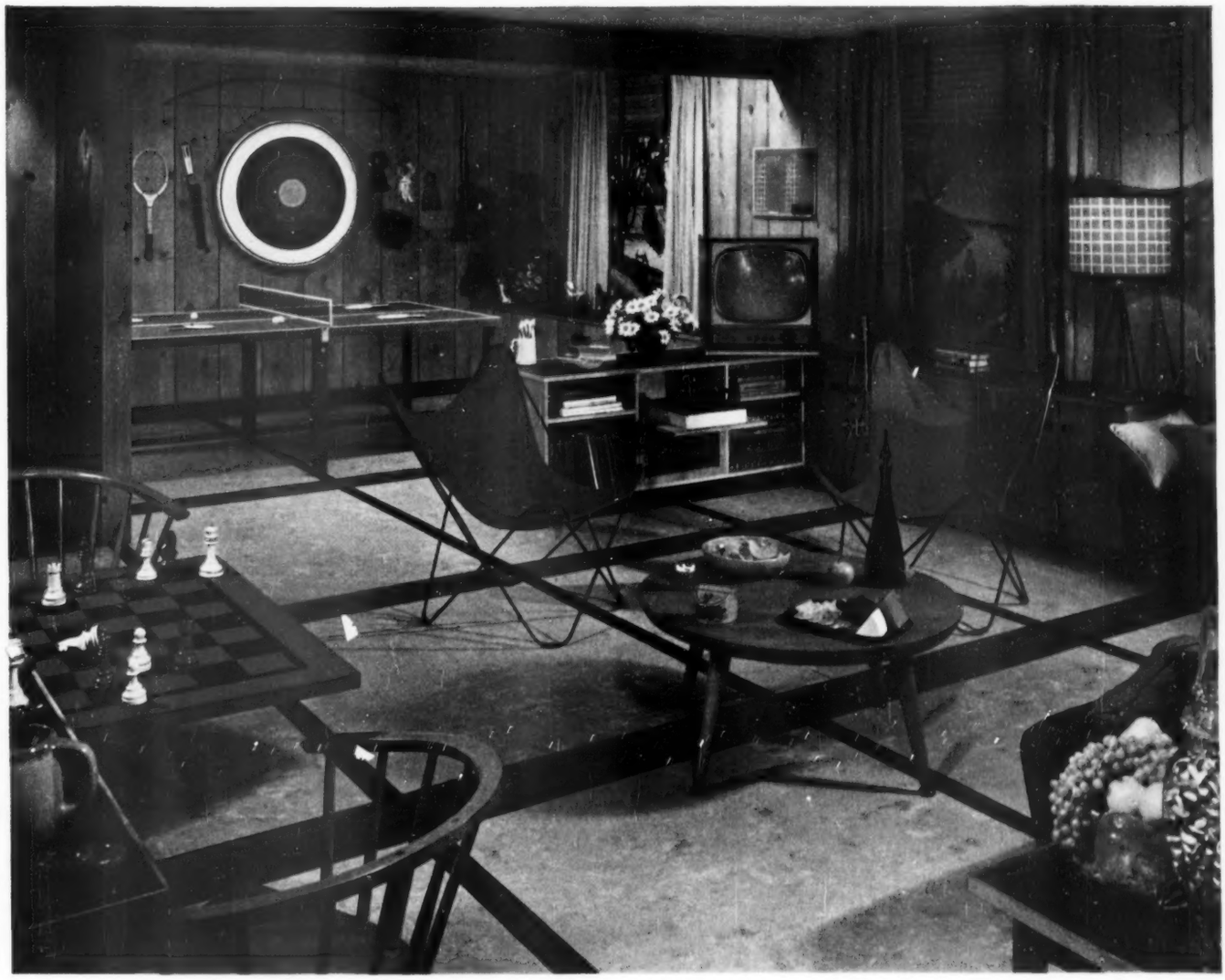
Children are well adjusted when they —fight for each other as often as against each other . . . bring in guests, then tactfully make them feel like members of the family . . . can talk stuff and things with parents and be at ease . . . are not distressed if left alone at night . . . do little or no whining, even though they may show emphatic disapproval of minor troubles . . . show the attitude that home is *ours*, to be shared and guarded.

Burton Hillis



Fun for everybody in this basement playroom

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